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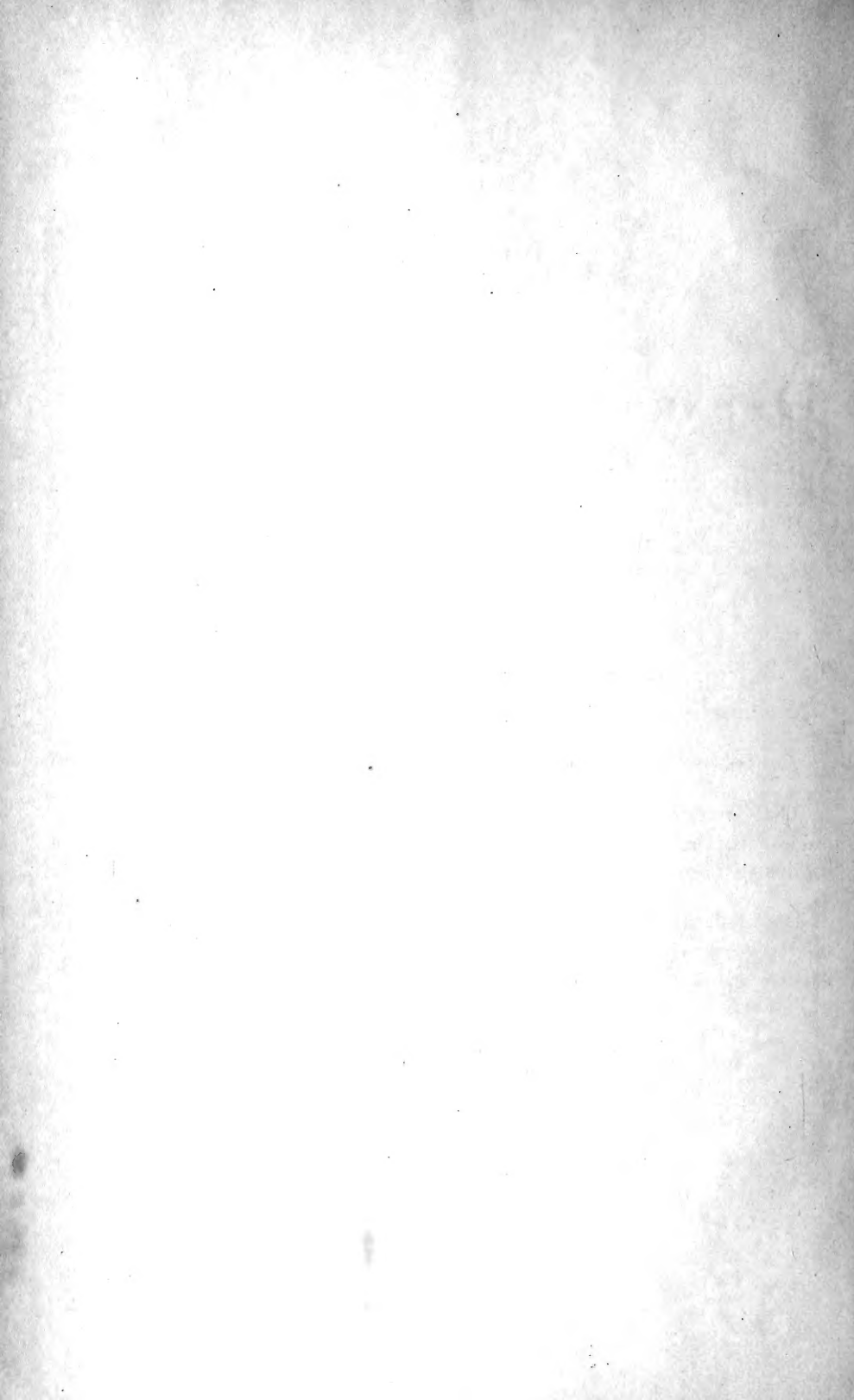
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REPORT
OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

Office of the
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, (City Hall,) }
BROOKLYN, March 11, 1889.

To the Honorable the Common Council.

GENTLEMEN:

The Commissioners of the Department of Parks, in compliance with the requirements of the amended charter, present herewith their report for the year 1888.

Detailed statements will be found appended showing the moneys received and the sources whence they were derived, with a full exhibit of the expenditures for all purposes during the year.

Respectfully,

JNO. B. WOODWARD,

President.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
BROOKLYN, January 4, 1889. }

To the Honorable the Common Council.

GENTLEMEN :

Agreeably to the requirements of the Charter, the Commissioners of the Department of Parks hereby submit a full report of their proceedings for the year 1888, with a detailed statement of their receipts and expenditures.

Of the \$275,800 allowed by the Board of Estimate for park purposes for the year 1888, from the city and county, and the balance of \$21,321.01 to the credit of various accounts carried over from 1887, which made a total of \$297,121.01 for the year, there was disbursed the sum of \$269,793.29, leaving a balance of \$27,327.72 to be carried over to the present year.

With the exception of \$5,000 set apart for building storage sheds, for which a contract has not yet been made, the entire amount standing to the credit of city accounts will be absorbed by contracts now outstanding and bills now due, but not rendered, leaving a balance to the credit of the county accounts of \$3,055.32, as will be shown by statements to appear later.

The disbursements for the year were for labor, policing, supplies, superintendence, clerk hire, teaming, contract work for walks, for buildings, for closets, etc., etc., as per the following general statement, furnished, in greater part, by the Superintendent.

PROSPECT PARK.

The west drive, from Third to Fourteenth streets, was resurfaced with the best quality of Tomkins' Cove crushed limestone.

In order to raise the grade of this drive, in places, 35,600 cubic feet of earth filling had to be used. This was furnished to the park without cost, by contractors for the privilege of dumping.

Thirty-six thousand seven hundred and fifty-five square feet of Hastings' Asphalt Tile were laid at Flower Garden, also 4,074 square feet from boat landing to Eastwood Arch, together with 483 lineal feet of border. In doing this work 4,346 cubic feet of old material were removed.

A contract was made for resurfacing some 10,000 square feet of asphalt walk around the Dairy Cottage and its vicinity, and contracts have been made to the extent of the appropriations for resurfacing other walks in the park with 31,100 square feet of best asphalt, and also for laying 13,680 square feet of new asphalt walk at points to be designated by the Board.

Four miles of bridle road and the gutters of the same were repaired and put in order.

Some 10,000 square feet of turf were used for repairs to borders and grounds.

There were propagated and transplanted in the different parks 75,000 plants.

Ten gardeners and foresters were continuously employed in pruning, in cutting down dead trees and limbs and in clearing brush and undergrowth.

Twenty-four mowers were employed for five months in cutting grass on meadows, lawns and plantations.

Eight men and horse mowers were employed for five months in keeping lawn tennis and croquet grounds in order at Prospect Park, Washington Park and Tompkins Park.

Four teams were continuously employed in sprinkling drives in Prospect Park.

The large well of the park was repaired by putting in a new foundation of brick and cement work, and a stone coping to the same.

The pumping engine of the well is being overhauled and put in order.

A large shed, for the storage of coal for the well, was built close to the well house, also an out-house put up.

A commodious building, constructed of brick and stone and located near the boat house, to be used for men's closets, has been contracted for and is in process of construction.

The outside of Headquarters, formerly known as Litchfield Mansion, was repainted and a new roof put on a portion of it.

Fifteen hundred Albany boards were used in repairs to fences, bridges, shelters, green house, carts, wagons, stable and wagon sheds.

New silt basins were built and sewers repaired.

The barn was repaired and repainted.

One new truck and two dumping carts were built. Sprinklers, trucks, mowing machines, ice planers, snow plows, etc., were repaired at the carpenter shop.

Four gangs, consisting of twenty-five men, were employed for the last two months in raking leaves together and carting them off the drives.

A new floor was put in the stable and four new stalls were fitted up for extra police horses.

Exclusive of the police, the force employed on the Park at the end of the year; including foremen, horse-shoers, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, painters, carpenters, gardeners, teamsters and laborers, was 125.

Four hundred was the highest number of men employed at one time; this was during the months of April and May.

The monthly average of men employed during the year was 207.

Three hundred and ninety-one picnics were held in the park, in which the participants numbered from 10 to 500. There were 8,000 persons attending picnics on the ground at one time.

Four hundred lawn tennis courts or clubs used the park grounds, and games of croquet without number were played.

The Commission, early in the year, decided to sell that portion of the east side lands lying north of the Eastern Parkway, and on May 9th, 1888, 373 lots were sold at auction for \$388,755; on this there was received \$36,522.25 for percentage paid at time of purchase. This amount was deposited in the Brooklyn Trust Company.

There was also received within the last two weeks of the year \$21,342 on account second payment of twenty per cent. which was deposited in the Franklin Trust Co.

The conveyances for this property are now ready for delivery and the purchasers have been notified to call for their deeds.

There was received from the sale of privileges for purveying, boating, carriage service, etc., \$4,543.80.

For the first time money derived from these sources was paid into the City Treasury and placed to the credit of the Revenue Fund.

That portion of Plaza street, from Flatbush avenue to Union street was filled in and the ground shaped and rounded up without expense to the city. It was graded and curbed and a coating of crushed limestone was placed on it and the street put in suitable shape for the driving public.

There were used on the drives of the park and parkways 3,261 cubic yards of crushed limestone and 694 cubic yards of Roa Hook gravel.

Three hundred shade trees were purchased and planted on the Ocean Parkway and on other portions of the park property.

Fifteen hundred flowering shrubs were purchased and placed in plantations for use of the park.

The number of men on the police force of the park averaged fifty-eight for the last year, seventy-three being the highest and forty-four the lowest number employed at any one time.

On the anniversary of the Sunday School Union, a large number of children paraded in the park, although the day was stormy.

The decoration of the Lincoln monument took place on the 27th of May, and was well attended.

A large platform scale was purchased and set up near the stable for the purpose of reweighing bulky articles received from dealers.

An inventory of the movable property of the park was taken, and an improved and systematic method of ordering supplies, etc., and of keeping a record of the same was introduced.

The thatched cottage at main entrance to the park was re-thatched and twenty-five hundred weight of straw were used in the operation.

The two shelters at gate No. 4 were furnished with new sills and foundations and were generally repaired and painted.

From the grounds of the park eighty-five tons of hay were secured, which answers for feed for sheep and for bedding for horses.

There were seventeen concerts given in the park last season. These were largely attended and great satisfaction was expressed by visitors at the pleasure they received from the different performances.

WASHINGTON PARK.

Washington Park had its walks resurfaced the past year with 56,398 square feet of best asphalt pavement.

This park was used largely during the season by players of croquet and lawn tennis.

To keep it in order required the services of one gardener, two laborers and two lawn mowers with drivers.

Four policemen and one sergeant were employed in policing the park, and in seeing that its peace was not disturbed.

TOMPKINS PARK.

In this park the width of the paths and of the grass boundary border was reduced twelve feet each, and the turf from the border transferred to the main plot, thereby increasing the grass area nearly two acres.

The main plots were plowed, shaped, manured and seeded down.

The junctions were fenced in with iron posts, and galvanized iron wire.

Nineteen thousand, four hundred and twenty-four square feet of Hastings' Asphalt Tile were laid, diamond shaped, on the new walks, and some five hundred loads of crude material removed. Sewers were cleaned and 2,980 feet of curb set.

A contract for 16,286 square feet of Hastings' Asphalt Tile and 2,704 lineal feet of curbing was made and this work is now nearly completed.

CITY PARK.

The grounds of this park were re-shaped and its crooked walks straightened.

A new drinking fountain was set up and a new shelter erected containing a room for the watchmen and separate closets for use of men and women.

Five hundred trees and shrubs were planted on the grounds and beds of flowers were set out.

The iron fence around the park and the gates belonging to it were repaired, and a heavy coat of paint put on the entire fence and gates. The junctions were fenced in with iron posts and galvanized iron wire, some 2,500 feet of the latter having been used for that purpose.

A contract was made for 7,344 square feet of asphalt walk, to be laid as soon as the weather would permit.

A free concert was given late in the season, which was well attended.

The people living in the neighborhood of this park were greatly pleased with the improvements which have been made, and expressed themselves as being highly gratified at the changes made in the park the past season.

CARROLL PARK.

The shelters in this park were raised and new foundation sills and steps put in, they were also repaired and painted.

The grounds were dug up and shaped, grass seed was sown and a temporary fence placed around the plants.

The trees were all pruned and lamps were placed in the shelters.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The small parks or squares of the city were cared for and kept in order and the fences of some of them were repainted with two coats of paint.

EASTERN PARKWAY.

On the eastern parkway the daily use of one team was required all the season for the purpose of sprinkling the roadway and hauling gravel from the pit to fill up the low places in the road. When this team was not employed in the one service it was engaged in the other.

Two or more men were constantly employed in picking stones off the drive and in keeping the basins and gutters clear of mud and silt.

A shoot was constructed at the head of the parkway for the purpose of carrying off the surplus water during the continuance of heavy rain storms.

A bulkhead was put up at the head of the drive to prevent careless drivers from driving over the embankment.

OCEAN PARKWAY.

Four silt basins were built and four hundred feet of twelve inch drainage pipe were laid near the entrance at gate four and the roadway below that entrance was drained and graded.

Eight miles of turf on malls from the lower entrance of the park to the island were mowed and trimmed.

The employment of from six to ten teams were continuously required for scraping and sprinkling the parkway and in hauling gravel from the pits for filling in and grading the roadway.

Six thousand cubic feet of gravel were hauled and placed on the five miles of roadway during the season.

The services of two foremen and twenty men were required for part of the season to clean cesspools, basins and gutters.

The Western Shelter was repaired and painted and a temporary closet put in for the use of women.

Two gangs of gardeners were employed in pruning and trimming the trees on this parkway, which require this service, so that they may be in suitable shape for the coming spring.

On account of the almost continuous rains this season it has required the service of five teams and scrapers for a large portion of the time to keep the road in conditon for driving.

THE CONCOURSE.

The Concourse during the Summer months was policed night and day, by four officers, and lighted by electricity. It is at present lighted by naphtha lamps.

Early in the year there were some 200 loads of bowlders and broken stone, together with a like number of loads of brush from the cuttings of the park, wrought together in a solid mass and used as an embankment to protect the east end of the Concourse from the action of the waves.

This work was soon after discontinued by the Commissioners by the advice of experts, one of whom was from the Geodetic Bureau at Washington.

This embankment, although left in an unfinished condition, remains intact, having withstood the worst storms of the season.

During the early part of the year there were placed on the lowlands, back of the Concourse, 22,378 cubic yards of earth filling, which exhausted the balance of the appropriation for filling in said lands carried over from the previous year.

The severe storm which occurred on November 25th, broke up some 500 feet of the asphalt embankment and road at the east end of the Concourse, and washed many hundred loads of sand over the remainder of the Concourse.

Workmen were set at work and put that portion of the Concourse which remained unharmed, in a passable shape.

The same storm washed off some boards and steps from the outside of the shelter nearest the beach; the damage was repaired at a small cost.

PARADE GROUND.

The Parade Ground had 1,468 feet of new fence built around it last season, the buildings on the grounds were put in good order, having been thoroughly repaired and repainted.

Some 1,000 feet of lead pipe were laid and the park water was introduced into the buildings to the great satisfaction of the clubs using the grounds.

The grounds were kept in good order; this required the services of two horse mowers with drivers, and of two laborers.

A game keeper was employed during the season, whose duties were to allot places for the games to be played, and to generally supervise the grounds.

Two or more policemen were detailed to preserve order.

The grounds were extensively used by the patrons of games this season, as the following figures will show.

There were 1,430 games of base ball, twenty-three of foot ball, 113 of cricket and nine of lacrosse played.

These grounds were used for but one parade, or review, this season, that of the Sixty-ninth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y., and their guests, the members of the Eighth Regiment, N. G. S. Massachusetts, from Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN B. WOODWARD,

President.

Financial Statement for the year 1888.
CITY.

MAINTENANCE OF PARKS.

Certified to the City Auditor:

Expended for labor, police and salaries	\$145,250 27	Appropriation for Maintenance of Parks.....	\$219,800 00
" music	2,500 00		
" gas and insurance.....	800 00		
" electric lighting.....	5,000 00		
" supplies.....	24,508 22		
" resurfacing walks, &c., Prospect Park.....	7,990 94		
" resurfacing walks, &c., Washington Park....	7,500 00		
" repairs to shelters, &c., Carroll Park.....	1,000 00		
" laying walks, &c., Tompkins Park.....	10,000 00		
" building shelter, &c., City Park.....	3,813 54		
" miscellaneous squares, painting, &c.....	500 00		
* Balance carried to credit of Maintenance of Parks, 1889	10,937 03		
	<u>\$219,800 00</u>		<u>\$219,800 00</u>

* Contracts to this amount less \$158.08, are now outstanding.

Financial Statement for the year 1888—Continued.

CITY.

CONSTRUCTION OF ERECTIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS IN PROSPECT PARK.

Certified to City Auditor:

Expended for men's closets, near boat house.....	\$2,500 00	Appropriations for 1888	\$27,000 00
" coal sheds.....	1,478 30		
" 4 iron structures for gentlemen.....	997 00		
" reconstruction large well.....	2,560 00		
" headquarters (Litchfield Mansion), repairs, &c.	2,496 72		
" swings and settees.....	1,453 35		
" plaza improvement.....	1,000 00		
" electric light experiment	1,500 00		
* Balance carried to credit of Erections and Improvements in Prospect Park, 1889.....	13,014 63		
	<u>\$27,000 00</u>		<u>\$27,000 00</u>

* Contracts for this amount, less \$74.63, are now outstanding or about being entered into.

MAINTENANCE OF EASTERN PARKWAY.

Certified to City Auditor:

Expended for labor and police.....	\$4,671 26	Appropriation for 1888.....	\$5,000 00
" supplies	326 73		
Balance carried to credit of Maintenance of Eastern Parkway for 1889.	2 01		
	<u>\$5,000 00</u>		<u>\$5,000 00</u>

Financial Statement for the year 1888—Continued.

CITY.

MAINTENANCE OF OCEAN PARKWAY.

<i>Certified to City Auditor:</i>		
Expended for labor and police.....	\$14,529 14	
“ supplies, &c.....	356 88	
Balance carried to credit of Ocean Parkway, 1889.....	318 73	
	<u>\$15,204 75</u>	
		\$15,204 75

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

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COUNTY.

MAINTENANCE OF CONCOURSE - CONEY ISLAND.

Expended for labor and police.....	\$3,333 60	
“ electric lighting.....	400 00	
“ supplies.....	595 96	
“ protection of Concourse, R. Kanters & Sons ..	1,093 50	
Reserved in bank to pay R. Kanters & Sons 10 per cent. on contract.....	121 50	
Balance carried to 1889.....	1,901 69	
	<u>\$7,446 25</u>	
		\$7,446 25
		\$5,000 00
		<u>2,446 25</u>

Financial Statement for the year 1888—Continued.

COUNTY.

MAINTENANCE AND CARE OF THE PARADE GROUND.

Expended for labor and police.....	\$3,263 12	Appropriated by the Board of Super-	
“ supplies, &c.....	15 00	visors of Kings County and re-	
“ balance carried to 1889.....	261 59	ceived from County Treasurer....	\$3,500 00
		Balance from 1887.....	39 71
	<u>\$3,539 71</u>		<u>\$3,539 71</u>

GAS LIGHTING—CONCOURSE.

Expended for gas lighting.....	\$120 12	\$120 12	
		Balance from 1887.....	\$120 12
			<u>\$120 12</u>

RESTORATION OF EAST END OF CONCOURSE.

Expended for protection of concourse on account of contract with R. Kanter & Sons.....	\$2,822 02	Balance from 1887.....	\$4,456 57
“ stone.....	25 00		
“ labor.....	367 46		
Reserved in bank to pay R. Kanter & Sons ten per cent. on contract...	850 05		
Balance carried to Maintenance Con- course, 1889.....	392 04		
	<u>\$4,456 57</u>		<u>\$4,456 57</u>

COUNTY.

FILLING IN LOWLANDS AT CONCOURSE—CONEY ISLAND.

Expended for earth filling to contractors Cranford & Valentine	\$10,465 45	Balance from 1887.	\$10,517 95
“ labor	52 50		
	<u>\$10,517 95</u>		<u>\$10,517 95</u>

REPAIRING MILITARY SHELTER.

Expended for labor	\$6 66	Balance from 1887.	\$6 66
	<u>\$6 66</u>		<u>\$6 66</u>

RENEWING FENCE AROUND THE PARADE GROUND.

Expended for building fence, &c., &c.	\$3,529 00	Balance from 1887.	\$3,529 00
	<u>\$3,529 00</u>		<u>\$3,529 00</u>

PAINTING FENCE—PARADE GROUND.

Amount carried to maintenance of Parade Ground, 1889	\$500 00	Appropriated by the Board of Supervisors of Kings County and received from the County Treasurer.	\$500 00
	<u>\$500 00</u>		<u>\$500 00</u>

Revenue derived from the Public Parks of the City of Brooklyn, and paid into the City Treasury.

Paid City Treasurer	\$4,543 80	From rental of privileges.....	\$4,400 00
Balance to credit of Account for 1889.	1 20	" sale of wool, old iron, &c.....	145 00
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	\$4,545 00		\$4,545 00

ROBERT COURTNEY,
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS,
OFFICE OF CHIEF CLERK AND PAYMASTER, }
BROOKLYN, N. Y., January 4, 1889. }

ROBERT COURTNEY, Esq., *Secretary Department of Parks.*

SIR :

Herewith I beg leave to hand you detailed statement of labor, salaries and supplies, together with balance sheet of my department for the year 1888.

Yours respectfully,

CHAS. F. MOORE,

Chief Clerk and Paymaster.

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures.

1888.			
Appropriations and balances, city....	\$267,004 75	Labor, police and salary pay rolls, city	\$167,386 96
Appropriations and balances, county.	30,116 26	Labor and police pay-rolls, county .	7,063 46
		Supplies, city	75,345 39
		Supplies, county	19,997 48
		* Balance to 1889, city	24,272 40
		* Balance to 1889, county	3,055 32
	————— \$297,121 01		————— \$297,121 01

* See Secretary's report.

E. & O. E.

PROSPECT PARK, January 4, 1889.

CHAS. F. MOORE,

Chief Clerk and Paymaster.

Statement Pay Rolls from December 31, 1887, to December 31, 1888.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

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1888.	CITY.	AMOUNT.	POLICE ATTEND- ANTS, Etc.		LABORERS at \$1.50 per day.		SKILL'D LABORERS from \$12 per week to \$4.50 per day.		HIRE HORSES AND TEAMS.	TOTAL.
			No.		No.		No.			
Jan. 15	Labor Pay Roll No. 433.	\$4,257 27	53	\$1,649 38	51	\$703 38	No	\$1,904 51	.....	\$4,257 27
" 31	" " " 434.	5,209 99	55	1,747 85	51	881 07	85	2,581 07	.....	5,209 99
Feb. 15	" " " 435.	5,183 81	54	1,647 68	57	946 42	88	2,539 71	\$50 00	5,183 81
" 29	" " " 436.	4,606 56	53	1,577 37	54	636 43	86	2,213 26	119 50	4,606 56
Mar. 15	" " " 437.	4,971 91	54	1,649 43	58	796 88	90	2,408 60	117 00	4,971 91
" 31	" " " 438.	5,413 76	55	1,839 27	61	891 79	80	2,654 20	28 50	5,413 76
Apr. 15	" " " 439.	5,408 38	55	1,730 79	65	835 45	92	2,732 14	110 00	5,408 38
" 30	" " " 440.	6,514 87	56	1,742 78	108	1,596 11	105	2,845 48	330 50	6,514 87
May 15	" " " 441.	8,031 32	55	1,750 15	157	2,346 13	125	3,176 54	758 50	8,031 32
" 31	" " " 442.	10,029 59	56	1,952 77	184	3,444 92	132	3,595 90	1,036 00	10,029 59
June 15	" " " 443.	9,029 02	64	1,824 95	147	2,506 29	139	3,543 28	1,094 50	9,029 02
" 30	" " " 444.	9,493 47	80	2,502 19	141	2,114 79	151	4,036 99	839 50	9,493 47
July 15	" " " 445.	7,968 99	82	2,521 44	84	1,114 50	130	3,652 30	680 75	7,968 99
" 31	" " " 446.	7,927 70	81	2,648 47	61	1,117 83	130	3,654 40	507 00	7,927 70
Aug. 15	" " " 447.	7,598 64	81	2,471 33	63	1,167 55	121	3,493 51	466 25	7,598 64
" 31	" " " 448.	7,763 62	80	2,609 06	62	876 08	122	3,653 98	624 50	7,763 62
Sep. 15	" " " 449.	6,348 67	78	2,446 09	60	720 03	123	2,919 05	6,348 67	6,348 67
" 30	" " " 450.	5,903 71	78	2,401 92	61	704 25	123	2,797 54	.....	5,903 71
Oct. 15	" " " 451.	6,201 24	76	2,356 03	65	823 17	122	3,022 04	.....	6,201 24
" 31	" " " 452.	7,380 80	74	2,465 07	78	1,207 63	138	3,628 10	80 00	7,380 80
Nov. 15	" " " 453.	6,401 56	63	1,749 71	91	1,212 82	127	3,329 03	110 00	6,401 56
" 30	" " " 454.	5,376 57	63	1,974 22	53	550 89	116	2,851 46	.....	5,376 57
Dec. 15	" " " 455.	5,125 91	62	1,948 51	52	510 04	105	2,667 36	.....	5,125 91
" 31	" " " 456.	6,023 62	63	2,117 56	67	863 81	110	3,042 25	.....	6,023 62
		\$158,170 98		\$49,324 02		\$28,688 26		\$72,942 70	\$7,216 00	\$158,170 98

Salary Pay Rolls, 1888.

January 31.....	\$724 99
February 29	724 99
March 31.....	766 66
April 30.....	766 66
May 31.....	766 66
June 30	766 66
July 31	766 66
August 31	724 99
September 30.....	749 99
October 31.....	749 99
“ 31 (Supplementary)	41 09
November 30	833 32
December 31	833 32
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	\$9,215 98

Recapitulation—Services.

Total amount paid for Police, 1888.....	\$49,324 02
“ “ “ “ Laborers, 1888.....	28,688 26
“ “ “ “ Skilled Laborers, 1888.....	72,942 70
“ “ “ “ Hired Horses and Teams, 1888.....	7,216 00
“ “ “ “ Salaries	9,215 98
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Grand total, 1888	\$167,386 96

CHARLES F. MOORE,

Chief Clerk and Paymaster.

Supplies 1888.

January 19.	Williamsburgh City Fire Company, insurance.....	\$277 61
	Cincimona Towing Company, gravel.....	763 40
February 8.	Wechsler & Abraham, blankets.....	160 00
	Wm. Porter's Sons, chtmneys.....	5 85
	I. S. Clarke, barrels.....	3 08
	John Harrison, provender.....	154 35
	E. R. Shipman, salt.....	2 50
	Thomas Cassin, repairing furniture.....	17 50
	Alice M. Gray, typewriting.....	12 17
	Robert Courtney, disbursements for office.....	14 54
	John Harrison, salt.....	8 75
	Abram Krone, clothing police.....	322 00
	Oakley & Son, carriage hire.....	6 00
	J. M. Bullwinkle, stationery.....	5 50
	M. A. McNamara, incidentals.....	6 80
	H. D. Stiles, ".....	8 91
	Oakley & Smith, horses.....	200 00
	J. F. Tormey, incidentals.....	4 45
	American D. Telegraph Company, service.....	80
	Wm. Porter's Sons, burners.....	23 40
	Doane & Wellington Mfg. Company, brackets.....	6 00
	Haggerty & Co., naphtha.....	38 64
" 11.	John Harrison, provender.....	116 25
	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, gas.....	35 20
	Nathan Lane's Sons, stationery.....	172 00
	Nathan Lane's Sons, ".....	14 50
	Disosway & Henderson, locks.....	4 13
	Disosway & Henderson, coal hods.....	4 00
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	103 25
March 7....	Oakley & Sons, carriage hire.....	8 50
	W. J. Goodwin, oats, &c.....	185 30
	W. J. Goodwin, ".....	82 25
	W. J. Goodwin, straw.....	31 84
	W. J. Goodwin, meal.....	31 50
" 8....	Alice M. Gray, type-writing.....	10 92
	P. H. Quinn, coal.....	245 00
	P. H. Quinn, ".....	262 00
	Disosway & Henderson, hardware.....	83 01
	Disosway & Henderson, brushes.....	80 34
	Disosway & Henderson, axle grease.....	2 16
	Citizens' Electric Light Company, electric light.....	538 50
	Citizens' Electric Light Company, ".....	501 00
	Haggerty & Co., naphtha.....	38 67
	Haggerty & Co., ".....	40 32
	A. Lazansky, glass.....	4 50
	Doane & Wellington Mfg. Company, burners.....	30 00
	M. A. McNamara, disbursements.....	4 21
	N. Langer & Sons, blacksmith's supplies.....	73 52
	Ronalds & Co., valves.....	2 10
	A. H. Hewes & Co., flower pots.....	28 00
	Whitman Saddle Company, saddles for police.....	171 60
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	290 44
	Hibbler & Co., globes.....	10 00
	Jas. G. Powers, cartage and tiles.....	39 00
	Town of Gravesend, taxes.....	7 89
April 5....	James Downey, carriage.....	150 00

Supplies 1888—Continued.

April 5.....	Ronalds & Co., valves.....	82 50
	Ronalds & Co., supplies.....	11 70
	A. Lazansky, ".....	110 75
	A. Lazansky, ".....	49 80
	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, g s.....	33 60
	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, ".....	33 60
	W. J. Goodwin provender.....	203 02
	W. J. Goodwin, ".....	118 50
	W. J. Goodwin, ".....	53 51
	Disosway & Henderson, mops.....	9 60
	Disosway & Henderson, hardware.....	8 40
	Disosway & Henderson, clipper.....	2 00
	Haggerty & Co., naphtha.....	39 14
	John T. Hamilton, incidentals.....	100 00
	Chas. F. Moore, ".....	9 10
	M. A. McNamara, ".....	7 28
	Henry Easton, ".....	2 99
	Henry D. Stiles, ".....	6 25
	Peter B. Bracken, teams.....	342 00
	Wm. Porter's Sons, lampwick.....	14 40
	Jas. P. Rappalye, stationery.....	34 00
	Henshaw Bros., professional services.....	30 00
	E. H. Itjen, coal.....	18 00
" 11.....	H. J. Farquhar, services.....	51 25
	A. Lazansky, pencils.....	3 78
	C. P. Woodruff, incidentals.....	2 50
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	36 34
May 3.....	W. J. Goodwin, provender.....	49 80
	W. J. Goodwin, ".....	147 17
	W. J. Goodwin, matches.....	7 20
" 4.....	W. J. Goodwin, oats.....	84 00
" 5.....	J. C. Hendrix, P. M., postage stamps.....	60 00
	Henry D. Stiles, incidentals.....	6 85
	Joseph H. Tormey, ".....	4 80
" 7.....	Daniel McCarthy, repairing harness.....	5 25
	Calvin Tompkins, lime stone.....	31 25
	Calvin Tompkins, ".....	362 50
	Calvin Tompkins, ".....	362 50
	Calvin Tompkins, ".....	415 40
	Calvin Tompkins, ".....	363 47
	M. A. McNamara, incidentals.....	9 57
	American District Telegraph Company, messengers.....	6 90
	C. P. Woodruff, incidentals.....	2 00
	James Downey, horse collars.....	45 00
	J. Keiley, shell lime.....	55 00
	Wechsler & Abraham, ticking.....	6 25
	Ronalds & Co., plumbers' supplies.....	21 79
	J. M. Thorburn & Co., grass seed, &c.....	115 00
	Haggerty & Co., naphtha.....	38 44
	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, gas.....	29 76
	Patterson Bros., iron.....	5 52
	Ronalds & Co., plumbers' supplies.....	7 50
" 9.....	N. Langler & Sons, blacksmith supplies.....	101 66
	Brooklyn Citizen, blanks.....	88 00
	J. M. Thorburn & Co., rakes, &c.....	131 50
	J. C. Hendrix, P. M., postage stamps.....	56 00

Supplies 1888—Continued.

May 9.....	D. M. Somers, expenses.....	\$76 00
	P. Terrence, pea fowl.....	40 00
" 24.....	Ronalds & Co., plumbers' supplies.....	7 68
	Ronalds & Co., ".....	11 10
	Calvin Tompkins, lime stones.....	387 50
	Calvin Tompkins, ".....	387 50
	Beers & Re-seguie, lumber.....	158 16
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., electric light ..	450 00
	A. S. Barnes & Co., book case	19 00
	Haggerty & Co., naphtha.....	39 76
	M. A. McNamara, incidentals.....	16 92
	American District Telegraph Company, messengers..	6 90
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Company, telephone.....	95 50
June 2.....	Alice M. Stobe, typewriter.....	2 90
" 3.....	J. Cogan, services.....	50 00
	Isaac Harris, carting gravel.....	2,053 90
	W. J. Goodwin, oats, &c	112 75
	W. J. Goodwin, ".....	59 76
	W. J. Goodwin, ".....	96 75
	George G. Martin, printing.....	429 20
" 8.....	Photo Gravure Company, annual report.....	550 00
	Photo Gravure Company, ".....	68 50
	Photo Gravure Company, ".....	56 50
	Calvin Tompkins, limestone.....	403 00
	Calvin Tompkins, ".....	387 50
	Calvin Tompkins, ".....	362 50
	Calvin Tompkins, ".....	362 50
	Calvin Tompkins, cement.....	25 00
	Nathan Lane's Sons, stationery.....	4 00
	Nathan Lane's Sons, pens.....	1 25
	James Downey, harness.....	195 00
	L. Conterno & Son, music.....	165 00
	Chas. F. Moore, incidentals.....	7 61
	M. A. McNamara, ".....	7 76
	Harry Easton, ".....	8 53
	George F. Miller, Jr., services.....	20 00
	Oakley & Sons, carriage hire.....	18 00
	Henshaw Bros., professional services.....	25 00
	Haggerty & Co., oil.....	11 28
	Exley Manufacturing Company, sprinkler.....	389 50
	B. Cosgrove, casks.....	12 00
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., electric light ..	420 00
	J. G. L. Boetcher, flower pots.....	65 63
	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, gas.....	28 64
	Murray & Keen, trees.....	200 00
	F. W. Howell, ".....	200 00
	Jas. P. Rappelye, stationery.....	48 65
	Jas. P. Rappelye, ".....	28 40
	Disosway & Henderson, axle grease.....	4 26
	Disosway & Henderson, scale.....	135 00
	Disosway & Henderson, hardware.....	230 55
	Disosway & Henderson, ".....	57 59
	Disosway & Henderson, ".....	39 31
	P. H. Quinn, coal.....	215 38
	P. H. Quinn, ".....	153 00
	P. H. Quinn, ".....	170 00

Supplies 1888—Continued.

June 8	A. Lazansky, paints, oils, &c.	\$90 13
	J. L. Law, Jr., supplies engine.	60 55
	Henry W. Stiles, disbursements.	13 30
	H. R. Asserson, services.	90 00
	Thos. R. McCann, asphalt tiles.	3,591 00
July 5	Geo. W. Mumby, disinfecant.	37 00
	L. Conterno & Sons, music.	175 00
	L. Conterno & Sons, "	175 00
	L. Conterno & Sons, "	165 00
	L. Conterno & Sons, "	165 00
	Disosway & Henderson, horse shoes.	4 25
	Disosway & Henderson, water cooler.	4 00
	Disosway & Henderson, screws.	2 68
	Disosway & Henderson, axle grease.	2 84
	E. R. Shipman, oa's.	120 00
	E. R. Shipman, meal.	4 00
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., electric light.	450 00
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., "	465 00
	M. A. McNamara, buttons, &c., police.	25 20
	M. A. McNamara, incidentals.	5 73
	A. Lazansky, paints.	111 11
	A. Lazansky, oil and whiting.	48 28
	Haggerty & Co., naphtha.	24 92
	Haggerty & Co., "	38 64
	Calvin Tompkins, limestone.	403 00
	Calvin Tompkins, "	410 75
	Henry M. Stiles, disbursements.	9 25
	Patterson Bros., iron.	2 00
	Goodyear Rubber Company, hose.	54 50
	H. Aschenbach, horse collars.	18 50
	W. J. Goodwin, oats.	97 50
	Browing, King & Co., uniforms, police.	784 75
	I. M. Thorburn & Co., garden seeds.	112 50
	Hibler & Co., globes.	16 00
	Nathan Lane's Son, stationery.	9 75
	Isaac Smith & Sons, truck umbrellas.	60 00
	J. C. Hendrix, P. M., postage stamps.	9 00
	American District Telegraph Company, messengers.	10 40
	John Moron & Son, brick.	10 10
	Michael McLachlan, disbursements.	1 79
	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, gas.	26 24
	Joseph F. Tormey, incidentals.	6 20
	Donald McNeil, grate bars.	7 98
	Ronalds & Co., plumbers' supplies.	13 90
	J. M. Bullwinkle, stationery.	14 98
	F. G. Holly, helmets, police.	170 00
	Cranford & Valentine, repairing walks.	5,500 00
" 19	L. Conterno & Sons, music.	175 00
	L. Conterno & Sons, "	175 00
	J. Morton & Son, brick.	125 60
	Isaac Harris, carting limestone.	537 00
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.	806 50
	J. W. & T. D. Jones, lumber.	41 50
	Thomas R. McCann, asphalt tiling.	2,754 64
Aug. 9	L. Conterno & Sons, music.	175 00
	L. Conterno & Sons, "	175 00

Supplies 1888—Continued.

Aug. 9.....	L. Conterno & Sons, music	\$175 00
" 10.....	Thos. R. McCann, asphalt tiling	637 89
	Thos. R. McCann, "	890 10
	Henry D. Stiles, drugs	7 80
" 11.....	S. Oakley, carriage hire	12 00
	Wm. Taylor, incidentals	5 72
	M. A. McNamara, incidentals	7 35
	Chas. F. Moore, "	4 55
	Isaac Harris, carting limestone	224 00
	E. R. Shipman, hay	70 56
	E. R. Shipman, oats	85 75
	E. R. Shipman, "	142 43
	W. J. Goodwin, hay	41 53
	W. J. Goodwin, straw	37 46
	W. J. Goodwin, "	66 24
" 13.....	W. J. Goodwin, "	8 80
	Ronalds & Co., street washer	4 00
	Ronalds & Co., gate chain	2 75
	Ronalds & Co., plumbers' supplies	88
	Haggerty & Co., naphtha	40 92
	Haggerty & Co., "	41 29
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., electric light	220 00
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co, "	463 00
	S. W. Cornell, hardware	13 83
	S. W. Cornell, "	9 65
	S. W. Cornell, "	11 28
	J. W. Fiske, drinking fountain	125 00
	Nathan Lane's Sons, stationery	19 94
	P. H. Quinn, coal	220 00
	Goodyear Rubber Company, washer	2 50
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Company, telephone	50 60
	N. Langler & Son, supplies	15 00
	Whitman Saddle Company, repairing saddles	20 34
	W. G. Pearson, supplies	18 74
	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, gas	30 72
	Calvin Tompkins, limestone	324 80
	A. Lazansky, supplies	47 92
	Disosway & Henderson, supplies	49 43
	Ronalds & Co., plumbers' supplies	21 01
	H. R. Asserson, services	74 75
	H. Hawkes, plumbing	141 47
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber	194 00
	Brooklyn Improvement Company, dockage	130 00
	Alfred Wilkey, repairs carriage	47 10
" 14.....	P. H. Quinn, coal	154 00
	Oakley & Smith horses	495 00
	L. Conterno & Son, music	175 00
	L. Conterno & Son, "	175 00
	Chas. Mylie, cartage	6 00
	Alice M. Stobe, typewriting	2 00
Sept.....	Jas. Howell, Jr., iron work	225 00
	Jas. Howell, Jr., "	680 92
Aug. 12....	Thos. R. McCann, asphalt tiling	2,546 56
Sept. 7.....	L. Conterno & Sons, music	175 00
	J. W. & T. D. Jones, lumber	15 90
	M. A. McNamara, disbursements	8 90

Supplies 1888—Continued.

Sept. 7.....	J. F. Tormey, disbursements	\$10 49
	H. D. Stiles, "	8 90
	Haggerty & Co., naphtha.....	41 83
	E. R. Shipman, straw	60 50
	E. R. Shipman, meal, &c.....	63 00
	E. R. Shipman, hay	72 85
	J. Morton & Son, brick	36 00
	Metropolitan Gas Light Company, gas	20 16
	Samuel W. Cornell, lanterns	5 00
	Samuel W. Cornell, punch	1 15
	Samuel W. Cornell, horse rasps	18 88
	Samuel W. Cornell, padlocks	9 90
	Samuel W. Cornell, wire and iron	7 14
	National Iron Fence Company, wire fence	274 00
	Robert Courtney, disbursements for office	11 05
	Nathan Lane & Sons, stationery	6 00
	Citizen's Electric Light Company, electric light.....	580 00
	Nathan Lane & Sons, stationery	25 25
	Ronaldo & Co., plumbing.....	4 00
	Brooklyn Citizen, printing	7 25
	W. G. Pearson, cement pipe.....	127 50
	H. R. Asserson, services.....	90 00
" 12....	Cranford & Valentine, resurfacing	850 00
" 20....	J. R. Rappelye, stationery	55 10
	J. C. Hendrix, P. M., stamps	12 00
	L. Conterno & Sons, music	70 00
	L. Conterno & Sons, "	175 00
	Moses Hopper, services	10 00
	Brooklyn Freie Presse, advertising.....	25 00
Oct. 4.....	James H. Temple, services	35 00
	Thos. R. McCann, asphalt walk	1,295 84
	Charles F. Moore, disbursements.....	6 95
	M. A. McNamara, "	5 45
	Jas. Ashfield & Son, account of contract	500 00
	E. R. Shipman, meal.....	2 00
	E. R. Shipman, corn.....	25 00
	E. R. Shipman, hay, &c.....	72 95
	S. W. Cornell, brushes	9 00
	S. W. Cornell, axle grease	4 97
	S. W. Cornell, curry combs.....	7 00
	H. R. Asserson, services.....	84 00
	H. R. Asserson, "	9 00
	Haughton & Co., boiler compound	37 50
	J. M. Thorburn & Co., hay rakes.....	11 00
	S. Oakley, carriage hire	17 00
	C. Weldon, disbursements	4 40
	Alice M. Stobe, typewriting	13 25
	Baker. Voorhees & Co., law reports.....	2 50
	Dissosway & Henderson, hardware	28 10
	Henry D. Stiles, drugs.....	6 30
	Nathan Lane's Sons, stationery	7 50
" 8.....	Nathan Lane's Sons, directories and dictionaries.....	60 75
	H. Goetz, harness.....	24 00
	Haggerty & Co., naphtha	41 62
	Haggerty & Co., "	41 17
	John Morton's Sons, cement	14 50

Supplies 1888—Continued.

Oct. 8.....	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, gas	\$25 44
	Knickerbocker Ice Company	2 10
	N. Langler & Sons, supplies.....	38 50
	N. Langler, cart rims	23 50
	A. Lazansky, paints.....	118 63
	John T. Hamilton, disbursements	45 50
	Photo Gravure Co., printing.....	224 79
" 29.....	German American Insurance Company, insurance.....	4 50
Nov. 12....	H. R. Asserson, services	113 85
	W. W. Shear, "	300 00
	M. A. McNamara, disbursements	12 76
	H. D. Stiles drugs &c	4 80
	Hanshew Bros., services	58 00
	Robert Courtney, office expenses.....	7 18
	S. W. Cornell, horseshoe nails.....	9 45
	S. W. Cornell, hardware.....	10 00
	S. W. Cornell, iron.....	20 05
	S. W. Cornell hardware	21 53
	S. W. Cornell, castings.....	3 30
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., electric light....	536 00
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., "	77 50
	Citizens' Electric Illuminating Co., "	385 50
	Jas. M. Thorburn & Co., point for plow.....	1 00
	Jas. M. Thorburn & Co., seeds	71 75
	N. Y. & N. J. Telephone Company, telephone	47 70
	Allen Simmonds, ice.....	7 60
	Williamsburg's City Fire Insurance Co., insurance..	200 00
	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, gas	34 08
	American District Telegraph Company services.....	39 10
	P. H. Quinn, coal.....	76 50
	Ronalds & Co, basin.....	85
" 13.....	Nelson Bros., coal.....	231 00
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber.....	23 50
	A. Lazansky, glass	21 15
	E. R. Shipman, straw	95 60
	Thos. R. McCann, asphalt works.....	148 28
	E. R. Shipman, oats	38 00
" 17.....	Harris & McGuire, repairing well.....	1,726 73
" 24.....	Jas. Asfuld & Son, shelter, City Park.....	997 00
	Goodyear Rubber Company, coats.....	245 50
	C. C. Martin, services.....	250 00
	R. J. Daus, "	150 00
	Oakley & Smith, horses	995 00
	L. W. Washburn, account contract.....	1,850 00
	Chas. F. Moore, disbursements.....	12 20
Dec. 5.....	J. R. Hennessy, "	12 85
" 7.....	H. D. Stiles, "	12 50
	George Byrne, "	1 45
	M. A. McNamara, "	10 68
	Joseph F. Tormey, "	7 60
	S. Oakley, carriage hire.....	17 00
	A. Raymond & Co., clothing police.....	398 75
	H. C. Schwatzaelder & Co., furniture	233 60
	Citizens' Electric Light Co., electric light.....	443 00
	S. Wechsler Bros., portieres.....	13 75
	Hardenburg & King, carpe's.....	10 29

Supplies 1888—Continued.

Dec. 5	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, gas	\$29 12
	S. W. Cornell, iron	9 25
	S. W. Cornell, castings	8 52
	S. W. Cornell, "	7 00
	S. W. Cornell, "	38 15
	Haggerty & Co., Naphtha	41 29
	Haggerty & Co., "	47 37
	A. Lazansky, paints and oils	8 50
	A. Lazansky, "	12 00
	A. Lazansky, "	32 06
	A. Lazansky, "	156 09
	Ronaldo & Co., plumbers' supplies	25 06
	S. A. French, police equipments	207 50
	Beers & Resseguie, lumber	676 39
	Charles G. Willing, counter for well	58 00
	C. C. Martin, services	50 00
	H. Goetz, harness	19 50
	George F. Miller, supplies	20 30
	J. M. Thorburn & Co., seeds, etc	24 25
" 19	H. R. Asserson, services	110 00
	Thomas Keenan, painting fence	35 00
	Thomas Keenan, "	115 65
	J. W. Fiske, urinals	997 00
	Thomas R. McCann, account of contract	1,020 53
Jan. 4	James H. Temple, services	17 50
	James H. Temple, "	6 00
	L. W. Washburn, account of contract	500 00
	James Downes, carriage	250 00
	James Downes, harness	106 00
	Joseph F. Tormey, disbursement	4 55
	Charles F. Moore, "	8 25
	H. D. Stiles, "	7 15
" 8	A. Raymond & Co., clothing, police	2,355 00
" 9	M. McNamara, disbursements	8 82
	E. R. Shipman, corn and feed	36 00
	E. R. Shipman, straw	88 96
	E. R. Shipman, hay	38 52
	E. R. Shipman, meal	2 25
	M. May, oats	614 84
	M. May, "	112 13
	Nelson Bros., c al	241 50
	Nelson Bros., "	241 50
	Nelson Bros., "	62 60
	S. W. Cornell, hardware	35 90
	S. W. Cornell, "	5 10
	S. W. Cornell, bolts	5 85
	Harris & McGuire, cartage, &c	467 02
	Harris & McGuire, caulking roof well	157 95
	Nathan Lane's Sons, stationery	77 40
	Nathan Lane's Sons, "	3 50
	Nathan Lane's Sons, "	26 50
	Haggerty & Co., naphtha	41 70
	Haggerty & Co., "	41 58
	Haggerty & Co., oil	46 13
	Liebman Bros. & Owings, rugs, &c	28 75
	Liebman Bros. & Owings, parlor suit	235 00

Supplies 1888—Concluded.

Jan. 9	Lesbman Bros. & Owings, portiers	\$136 40
	Liebman Bros. & Owings, carpets and linoleum	190 64
	Liebman Bros. & Owings, " "	231 69
	Liebman Bros. & Owings, furnishing goods	210 15
	National Iron Fence Company, wire fence	792 50
	National Iron Fence Company, "	222 58
	National Iron Fence Company, "	202 64
	Citizens' Electric Light Company, electric light	465 00
	W. H. Douglas, drugs	6 04
	Metropolitan Gaslight Company, gas	31 68
	A. Lazansky, oil	3 00
	J. Morton & Son, brick	4 50
	Jamss Keily, shell lime	5 00
	American District Telegraph Company, services	17 00
	Calvin Tompkins limestone	632 98
	H. Goetz, leather	11 00
	E. A. Boyd & Son, glass	33 67
	Beers & Resseguie lumber	28 15
	Totals	\$75,345 39

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1 Captain.
 1 Station officer.
 5 Sergeants.
 47 Patrolmen.
 Total full force—54.

Distributed as follows :

PROSPECT PARK—1 station officer, 4 sergeants and 36 patrolmen.

WASHINGTON PARK—1 sergeant and 4 patrolmen.

CITY PARK—2 patrolmen.

TOMPKINS PARK—2 patrolmen.

EASTERN PARKWAY—1 patrolman.

OCEAN PARKWAY—1 patrolman.

CARROLL PARK—1 patrolman.

ACCIDENTS.

Carriages and sleighs	145
Saddle horses	8
Bicycles and tricycles	12
Fell in the lake	6
Fell in the park	10
Fell on the ice	3
Taken sick in park	17
Fracture	2
Fell from wagon	2
Totals	205

Arrests.

OFFENCES	Prospect Park.	Washington Park.	City Park.	Tompkins Park.	Carroll Park.	Total.
Intoxication	17	26	37	1	2	83
Malicious mischief	1					1
Dumping on E. S. Land	3					3
Disorderly conduct	13	5				18
Indecent assault		1				1
As-sault ..	3	3	2			8
Crime against nature		1				1
Violation park ordinance	29					29
Lounging	1					1
Reckless driving	11					11
Indecent exposure	3	1				4
Suspicion of exposure	1					1
Vagrancy	1	1	3			5
Cruelty to animals	5					5
Insanity		2	1			3
Totals	88	40	43	1	2	174

Lost children Prospect Park 40.

Suicide Prospect Park 1.

APPOINTED SPECIAL POLICEMEN.

June 9, R. T. Chartier.

“ 11, J. W. Smith.

“ 11, Mathias Johnston.

“ 11, J. E. Denham.

“ 11, G. W. Smith.

“ 11, J. H. Ward.

“ 11, H. T. Hilton.

“ 11, P. J. Coughlin.

“ 11, J. E. Desmond.

“ 11, Thos. F. McGuire.

“ 11, W. J. McCarty.

“ 14, J. McHugh.

“ 14, J. H. Ham.

“ 14, Peter Campbell.

June 14, G. M. Jacob.

“ 14, James Cassidy.

“ 14, J. F. Clarke.

“ 14, G. B. Hillyer.

“ 14, E. A. McGuire.

“ 14, Daniel Byrne.

“ 14, J. C. Champion.

“ 14, P. A. Trainor.

“ 14, P. Grennan.

“ 14, W. A. Evans.

“ 14, J. Mulligan.

“ 14, James Tuthill.

“ 14, Ed. Kelly.

“ 14, J. S. White.

DISCHARGED OCTOBER 31st. SPECIAL POLICE.

J. W. Smith.....	Expiration of Service.
Mathias Johnston	" "
John E. Denham	" "
G. W. Smith	" "
H. T. Hilton.....	" "
J. H. Ward	" "
P. J. Coughlin	" "
J. E. Desmond	" "
J. H. Ham.....	" "
Peter Campbell	" "
G. M. Jacob	" "
James Cassidy	" "
E. A. McGuire	" "
J. C. Champion.....	" "
James Tuthill.....	" "
P. Grennan	" "
J. F. Clarke	" "
G. B. Hillyer	" "
P. A. Trainor.....	" "
J. S. White	" "
Ed. Kelly.....	" "
Daniel Byrne.....	" "
R. T. Chartier.....	" "

SPECIAL POLICE RE-APPOINTED.

R. T. Chartier.....	November 9
J. W. Smith	" 9
Mathias Johnston	" 9
John E. Denham.....	" 9
G. W. Smith.....	" 9
J. H. Ward	" 9
James Cassidy	" 9
Ed. Kelly.....	" 9
H. T. Hilton.....	" 9
D. Byrne	" 9
J. E. Desmond.....	" 9

RESIGNED.

Willard A. Pratt	April 26
John M. Long.....	May 15
Thomas Byrne.....	August 8
Wm. J. McCarty.....	Oct. 2

DISMISSED.

F. J. Hooper, May 28	Unofficer-like conduct
J. B. Mulligan, July 13.....	Intoxication
J. McHugh, October 2	"
T. F. McGuire, October 16	"
J. W. Smith, December 4	"

DIED.

William A. Evans	October 3
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Time Lost for following Causes.

MONTH.	Sick.	With Leave.	Without Leave.	Suspended.	Total.
January.....	84	8	2	2	96
February ...	63	24	2	4	93
March.....	20	38	6	1	65
April.....	19	4	1	.....	24
May.....	12	8	1	5	26
June.....	12	20	2	.....	34
July.....	11	13	2	6	32
August.....	11	28	.....	6	45
September...	33	30	4	9	76
October. ...	24	33	6	15	78
November...	25	19	3	8	55
December ...	20	9	8	6	43
Total ...	334	234	37	62	667

The above report shows the number of days lost during each month, for the year 1888.

PARADES.

May 23d. Brooklyn Sunday School Union Anniversary.

May 27th. Decoration of Lincoln Monument.

October 4th. Sixty-ninth Regiment, N. G. S. N. Y. and Ninth Regiment, N. G. S. M., reviewed on Parade Ground by Col. Cavanagh of the Sixty-ninth.

CONCERTS.

Number of Concerts, 17.

June 2d, first concert.

September 29th, last concert.

Picnics.....	391
Base ball games	1,430
Foot ball games	23
Cricket games.....	113
Lacrosse games	9

SKATING.

Number of skating days, 27.

First day's skating, January 17th.

Last day's skating, February 19th.

Visitors, 1888.

MONTH.	Carriages.	Equestrians.	Pedestrians.	Sleighs.	Total.
January...	148,282	2,513	180,903	161,643	493,341
February...	161,906	2,340	147,831	50,712	362,789
March.....	164,293	2,323	40,781	939	208,336
April.....	428,710	10,432	175,673	.....	614,815
May.....	349,087	4,876	364,185	.....	718,148
June.....	893,109	21,934	616,391	.....	1,531,434
July.....	910,352	24,292	819,443	.....	1,754,087
August.....	617,624	16,386	952,338	.....	1,586,348
September..	687,511	6,078	585,705	.....	1,279,294
October.....	433,637	3,749	280,978	.....	718,364
November...	415,458	4,617	109,376	3	529,454
December...	532,618	8,133	127,064	.....	667,815
Total ..	5,742,587	107,673	4,400,668	213,297	10,464,225

Total Number Visitors	10,464,225
“ “ on Sundays.....	2,530,938
“ “ on Concert Days.....	1,202,311
Largest number in one day, July 29th.....	149,741

M. A. McNAMARA,

To H. D. STILES,

Captain.

Act'g General Superintendent.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATORY

—OF THE—

Brooklyn Park Commission,

PROSPECT PARK, BROOKLYN.

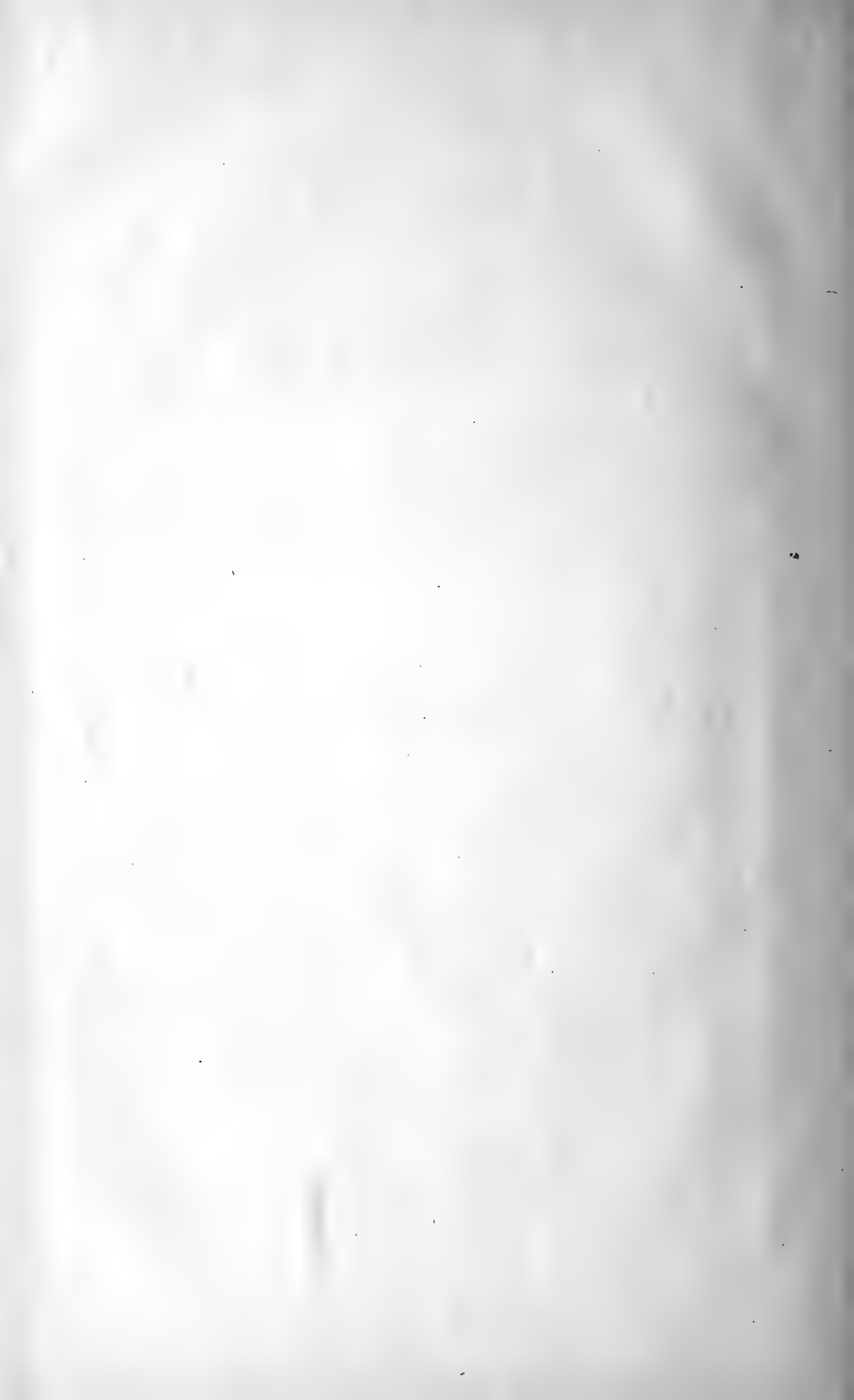
Latitude $40^{\circ} 41'$ North, Longitude $73^{\circ} 57'$ West.

Height of Instruments Above the Ground, 50 feet ; Above the
Sea, 220 feet.

FOR THE YEAR 1888.

OSCAR C. WHEDON,

METEOROLOGIST.



DAY.	BAROMETER.				THERMOMETERS.						HYGROMETER.		WIND.	RAIN AND SNOW.		
	REDUCED TO FREEZING.				MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	VELOCITY IN MILES.	Duration.	Water.	Snow.
	Mean.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.							
1	29.692	29.793	29.639	*	43	42	47	45	40	38	*	94	419			
2	29.722	29.799	29.657		37	35	45	36	36	34	.563	75	361			
3	29.864	29.952	29.814		32	29	42	30	30	28	.166	73	110			
4	29.942	30.012	29.106		30	28	44	28	26	26	.132	78	125			
5	29.987	30.069	29.889		31	29	42	31	29	28	.120	81	271			
6	29.892	30.034	29.869		28	26	42	29	26	24	.141	73	155			
7	29.641	29.724	29.594		37	34	46	36	34	32	.114	75	175			
8	29.811	30.084	29.612		37	35	45	36	36	34	.164	87	315			
9	30.169	30.139	30.061		30	28	33	30	27	27	.133	78	150			
10	29.706	29.747	29.636		34	30	38	32	25	29	.150	81	478			
11	30.031	30.212	29.872		23	20	27	23	16	13	.078	65	478			
12	30.516	30.571	30.427		18	16	26	21	16	13	.064	62	362			
13	30.050	30.279	29.906		34	34	45	42	23	23	.200	96	360			
14	30.292	30.273	30.189		34	32	39	36	30	30	.155	78	105			
15	29.475	30.038	29.860		33	31	39	34	29	30	.131	77	240			
16	30.489	30.549	30.380		16	14	25	14	11	14	.053	57	518			
17	30.814	30.671	29.821		25	23	34	33	12	16	.109	76	240			
18	29.635	29.670	29.564		25	22	34	28	13	15	.092	64	286			
19	29.709	29.838	29.755		20	17	25	19	9	15	.055	51	681			
20	29.839	29.965	29.799		22	19	29	25	13	16	.080	67	394			
21	30.090	30.234	29.938		12	11	24	15	4	4	.053	70	480			
22	30.368	30.355	30.278		10	7	15	12	0	0	.028	35	456			
23	30.075	30.260	29.862		17	15	24	18	7	8	.033	43	393			
24	30.062	30.210	29.889		19	16	27	20	10	10	.057	54	324			
25	29.962	30.208	29.928		23	18	33	32	7	7	.094	70	380			
26	29.310	29.396	29.255		21	19	39	22	12	15	.081	71	333			
27	29.831	30.475	30.477		13	11	24	14	6	6	.049	61	715			
28	29.593	29.655	29.554		8	7	28	10	5	4	.046	70	695			
29	29.742	29.777	29.721		17	15	23	20	9	21	.066	69	336			
30	29.692	29.716	29.671		26	25	29	28	9	9	.120	84	200			
31	29.755	29.824	29.689		28	28	30	29	25	27	.116	96	115			
Mean	29.922	30.044	29.809		25	23	34	27	19	19	.110	71	10,286		7.75	12.00
															H. M.	INCHES.

* Readings at 7 A. M., 2 and 9 P. M. Fall of rain for the month, 3.74 inches Fall of snow for the month, 12 inches.

FEBRUARY, 1888.

REPORT OF THE

DAY.	BAROMETER.			THERMOMETERS.						HYGROMETER.		WIND.		RAIN AND SNOW.	
	Mean.	REDUCED TO FREEZING.		MEAN.						FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	VELOCITY IN MILES.	DEPTH IN INCHES.		Snow.
		Maximum	Minimum	Dry.	Wet.	MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.					Total.		
						Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.					Water.	
1	29.971	30.007	29.922	*	25	31	26	18	.096	*	70	265			
2	30.046	30.078	30.026	30	29	35	33	25	.143	85	192				
3	29.998	30.046	29.969	33	32	30	28	28	.168	210	89	201			
4	29.764	30.006	29.502	34	33	42	42	27	.180	89	201				
5	29.551	29.449	29.449	42	40	46	42	37	.123	78	285				
6	29.516	29.910	29.686	29	21	47	29	25	.123	78	338				
7	29.741	29.858	29.616	27	26	37	27	23	.129	88	265				
8	29.160	29.611	29.343	34	32	39	34	28	.160	83	168				
9	29.932	29.932	29.634	19	16	33	20	11	.059	54	384				
10	29.777	30.049	29.892	10	9	18	12	5	.055	79	251				
11	29.645	29.720	29.582	27	26	32	29	12	.131	89	268				
12	29.763	29.876	29.636	27	25	32	29	23	.118	80	192				
13	29.892	29.914	29.836	34	31	40	35	27	.162	74	86				
14	29.806	29.840	29.785	39	36	49	40	28	.085	66	133				
15	30.116	30.255	29.913	18	17	46	32	5	.049	61	569				
16	30.145	30.290	29.960	13	11	24	11	2	.111	60	217				
17	29.676	29.763	29.662	33	29	40	34	15	.111	60	170				
18	29.764	29.920	29.631	35	32	40	34	30	.149	74	120				
19	30.060	30.134	30.010	35	32	40	34	30	.137	69	219				
20	29.730	29.953	29.546	43	43	49	49	33	.276	96	271				
21	29.488	29.912	29.708	43	39	51	41	39	.176	66	216				
22	29.998	30.065	29.945	37	32	47	37	31	.132	61	130				
23	29.973	30.030	29.920	35	32	45	35	29	.157	77	164				
24	29.974	30.004	29.957	37	34	49	37	33	.158	72	394				
25	29.491	29.621	29.293	39	39	44	42	33	.242	100	199				
26	29.476	29.546	29.408	40	36	44	39	35	.165	65	320				
27	29.588	29.654	29.528	30	25	42	30	22	.076	48	535				
28	30.017	30.102	29.891	16	14	35	17	9	.057	61	310				
29	30.061	30.085	30.033	27	25	32	28	17	.107	72	144				
Mean.....	29.809	29.919	29.736	31	28	39	32	23	.136	74	7,342				
											68.56				
											2 14				
											INCHES				
											3.50				

* Readings at 7 A. M., 2 and 9 P. M. Fall of rain for the month, 2.14 inches. Fall of snow, 3.50 inches.

DAY.	BAROMETER.				THERMOMETERS.						HYGROMETER.			WIND.		RAIN AND SNOW.			
	REDUCED TO FREEZING.				MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		FORCE OF VAPOR.		RELATIVE HUMIDITY.		VELOCITY IN MILES.		DEPTH IN INCHES.		
	Mean.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Mean.	Total.	Mean.	Water.	Snow.	Direction.	Total.	H. M.	INCHES.	
1	30.064	30.082	30.030	37	33	44	37	27	29	69	209	*							
2	29.974	30.006	29.868	28	26	40	27	24	25	74	229	.142							
3	29.763	29.892	29.706	30	27	40	31	22	20	113	587	.114							
4	29.844	29.862	29.808	18	15	38	19	13	11	68	5.8	.113							
5	29.635	29.733	29.578	19	17	29	19	13	14	67	343	.047							
6	29.647	29.684	29.620	18	15	27	20	10	10	65	263	.073							
7	29.697	29.724	29.670	26	24	33	32	18	18	82	384	.055							
8	29.804	29.874	29.735	28	24	34	28	23	22	60	624	.119							
9	30.052	30.138	29.962	34	30	43	33	25	24	115	588	.090							
10	30.127	30.221	30.178	36	31	43	37	29	28	122	240	.085							
11	29.870	30.036	29.689	36	35	39	37	33	33	187	230	.122							
12	29.943	29.630	29.490	17	16	39	24	11	10	687	636	.087							
13	29.329	29.437	29.264	7	5	12	9	4	3	87	530	.041							
14	29.676	29.771	29.626	33	31	35	32	16	27	154	290	.154							
15	29.830	29.844	29.815	34	30	39	39	33	31	121	301	.121							
16	29.578	29.695	29.514	41	36	49	41	33	31	158	241	.158							
17	29.557	29.575	29.539	31	28	42	30	25	24	116	309	.116							
18	29.793	29.869	29.705	26	22	35	27	15	13	60	242	.080							
19	30.027	30.080	29.981	33	29	37	32	24	25	120	63	.120							
20	29.681	29.804	29.602	39	37	43	32	33	30	87	235	.211							
21	29.460	29.488	29.419	32	41	53	44	37	37	249	340	.249							
22	29.612	29.647	29.582	34	33	54	38	29	28	167	53	.167							
23	29.865	29.908	29.831	19	15	47	18	15	13	650	48	.050							
24	30.031	30.110	29.953	21	19	30	22	14	14	671	63	.071							
25	30.274	30.311	30.234	27	24	34	28	14	17	101	129	.101							
26	30.071	30.266	29.934	31	31	35	34	26	27	175	195	.175							
27	29.888	29.922	29.825	38	38	44	41	33	35	218	183	.218							
28	29.646	29.665	29.611	43	43	51	47	35	39	95	194	.095							
29	29.615	29.780	29.431	42	39	49	41	38	37	205	80	.205							
30	29.904	29.904	29.857	46	41	57	47	37	35	188	60	.188							
31	29.761	29.802	29.732	49	43	61	48	41	40	215	63	.215							
Mean	29.796	29.866	29.735	31	28	40	32	23	22	139	10,234	.139					77.45	4.78	23.00

* Readings at 7 A. M., 2 and 9 P. M. Fall of rain for the month, 4.78 inches. Fall of snow, 23.00 inches.

APRIL, 1888.

DAY.	BAROMETER.			THERMOMETERS.						HYGROMETER.		WIND.		RAIN AND SNOW.		
	Mean.	REDUCED TO FREEZING.		MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	VELOCITY IN MILES.	Total.	Duration.	Water.	Snow.
		Maximum	Minimum	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.							
1	29.790	29.822	29.691	44	40	55	46	37	37	198	69	169	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	29.414	29.530	29.313	48	44	61	51	38	40	241	74	432	.....	.....	.....	.....
3	29.893	29.181	29.782	41	37	51	36	36	31	102	40	192	.....	.....	.....	.....
4	30.117	30.138	30.102	44	38	47	40	31	36	212	60	231	.....	.....	.....	.....
5	29.539	30.037	29.658	43	43	51	47	47	37	268	94	450	.....	.....	.....	.....
6	29.728	29.808	29.660	56	43	61	51	45	45	246	51	430	.....	.....	.....	.....
7	29.876	29.309	29.852	48	42	55	51	39	35	209	60	410	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	30.081	30.107	30.045	35	29	43	31	29	30	088	44	230	.....	.....	.....	.....
9	30.198	30.211	30.191	40	31	50	40	31	29	128	52	230	.....	.....	.....	.....
10	29.144	30.125	29.706	40	38	45	43	33	33	213	84	266	.....	.....	.....	.....
11	29.739	29.829	29.663	49	44	55	45	45	42	127	68	293	.....	.....	.....	.....
12	29.914	29.892	29.892	44	39	53	44	40	35	186	62	485	.....	.....	.....	.....
13	29.958	29.914	29.920	39	33	49	36	26	33	102	45	282	.....	.....	.....	.....
14	29.607	29.698	29.525	44	40	53	45	38	37	197	68	384	.....	.....	.....	.....
15	29.723	29.757	29.693	44	38	50	41	38	36	155	54	244	.....	.....	.....	.....
16	29.713	29.830	29.696	43	37	53	41	36	36	154	60	361	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	30.015	30.049	29.978	44	37	53	41	35	31	139	50	219	.....	.....	.....	.....
18	29.822	29.962	29.738	49	44	54	47	42	40	229	66	249	.....	.....	.....	.....
19	29.749	29.802	29.701	48	42	59	46	41	39	182	52	192	.....	.....	.....	.....
20	29.697	29.641	29.588	42	39	51	42	39	35	229	72	480	.....	.....	.....	.....
21	29.659	29.690	29.616	42	36	49	38	36	35	137	52	432	.....	.....	.....	.....
22	29.708	29.708	29.726	45	38	53	40	35	36	127	42	196	.....	.....	.....	.....
23	29.684	29.696	29.583	44	40	53	42	39	36	201	73	360	.....	.....	.....	.....
24	30.243	30.102	29.815	42	35	49	36	37	33	106	42	450	.....	.....	.....	.....
25	30.235	30.261	30.225	43	36	55	40	33	30	134	48	192	.....	.....	.....	.....
26	30.235	30.271	30.188	52	45	65	50	39	39	200	56	241	.....	.....	.....	.....
27	30.179	30.206	30.157	53	44	65	47	46	43	191	49	216	.....	.....	.....	.....
28	29.952	30.046	29.871	61	53	75	59	48	46	279	48	144	.....	.....	.....	.....
29	28.727	29.791	29.688	69	60	67	67	59	55	407	37	135	.....	.....	.....	.....
30	29.556	29.657	29.468	58	53	69	58	49	60	344	72	197	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mean.	29.775	29.904	29.783	47	41	55	45	39	37	196	59	8,734	H. M. 56.25 2.77	.....	.....	.....

* Readings at 7 A. M., 2 and 9 P. M. Fall of rain for the month, 2.77 inches.

DAY.	BAROMETER.			THERMOMETERS.						HYGROMETER. WIND.		RAIN AND SNOW.			
	REDUCED TO FREEZING.			MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	VELOCITY IN MILES.	DEPTH IN INCHES.			
	Mean.	Maximum	Minimum	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.			Total.	Duration.	Water.	Snow.
1	29.507	29.569	29.459	*	49	69	58	48	46	.314	*	240	.....	.....
2	29.780	28.874	29.662	52	41	60	52	43	40	.191	82	219	.....	.....
3	29.982	29.998	29.964	40	43	54	42	39	42	.222	70	237	.....	.....
4	29.943	29.996	29.856	42	46	55	44	44	44	.281	83	195	.....	.....
5	29.743	29.797	29.675	61	56	52	48	48	53	.382	70	241	.....	.....
6	30.268	30.874	29.940	60	56	66	60	54	50	.386	73	267	.....	.....
7	29.974	29.997	29.947	61	50	72	54	55	46	.205	38	243	.....	.....
8	29.986	30.040	29.913	53	47	60	49	50	42	.238	59	165	.....	.....
9	29.424	29.773	29.674	61	57	74	64	50	51	.434	83	191	.....	.....
10	29.715	29.747	29.686	67	61	76	66	58	58	.501	84	193	.....	.....
11	29.740	29.805	29.646	59	58	63	60	55	56	.480	99	216	.....	.....
12	29.526	29.536	29.515	60	59	71	64	54	56	.476	92	163	.....	.....
13	29.592	29.628	29.564	60	54	64	55	54	52	.329	64	147	.....	.....
14	29.564	29.576	29.556	56	53	65	54	52	51	.359	81	145	.....	.....
15	29.663	29.695	29.607	49	44	56	45	45	44	.235	68	245	.....	.....
16	29.690	29.714	29.687	50	45	54	48	45	43	.239	67	287	.....	.....
17	29.832	29.873	29.812	51	46	60	46	41	38	.179	48	192	.....	.....
18	29.752	29.848	29.697	52	49	59	51	48	47	.296	76	243	.....	.....
19	29.722	29.815	29.697	57	53	64	59	48	49	.350	76	219	.....	.....
20	29.921	29.942	29.895	57	48	63	51	50	46	.213	45	188	.....	.....
21	29.950	29.963	29.935	57	49	68	64	49	46	.241	52	168	.....	.....
22	30.266	30.891	29.945	56	49	65	52	49	46	.248	56	196	.....	.....
23	29.800	29.860	29.747	55	53	61	55	49	50	.368	85	237	.....	.....
24	29.678	29.698	29.662	62	60	63	65	52	57	.497	90	336	.....	.....
25	29.704	29.743	29.675	58	56	63	58	55	54	.427	90	165	.....	.....
26	29.707	29.751	29.684	53	54	60	55	53	53	.405	93	91	.....	.....
27	29.735	29.863	29.670	62	59	71	64	55	55	.568	83	144	.....	.....
28	29.639	29.671	29.648	55	54	62	56	52	53	.414	96	183	.....	.....
29	29.634	29.672	29.599	66	63	78	70	56	58	.550	86	201	.....	.....
30	29.783	29.687	29.652	71	66	79	69	63	63	.579	78	122	.....	.....
31	29.549	29.587	29.481	66	65	72	66	62	62	.566	91	141	.....	.....
Mean	29.768	29.822	29.711	57	53	64	56	51	50	.357	74	6.338	109.15	5.72	

* Readings at 7 A. M., 2 and 9 P. M. Fall of rain for the month, 5.72 inches.

JUNE, 1888.

DAY.	BAROMETER.			THERMOMETERS.				HYGROMETER.			WIND.		RAIN AND SNOW.		
	REDUCED TO FREEZING.			MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	VELOCITY IN MILES.	Duration.	Water.	Snow.
	Mean.	Maximum	Minimum	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.							Mean.	Total.
1	29.476	29.548	29.590	65	57	76	61	59	51	293	59	191			
2	29.422	29.457	29.423	63	53	70	54	54	50	286	48	190			
3	29.692	29.708	29.662	61	53	70	56	52	49	236	54	118			
4	29.830	29.861	29.771	64	54	74	57	57	50	258	50	169			
5	29.906	29.945	29.889	72	59	80	62	55	55	347	47	219			
6	29.731	29.881	29.658	76	63	86	71	61	60	408	45	248			
7	29.722	29.775	29.674	70	63	77	67	65	59	481	66	216			
8	29.806	29.895	29.836	65	60	74	65	58	58	465	76	165			
9	29.832	29.876	29.775	66	61	77	65	57	59	467	74	189			
10	29.638	29.714	29.515	66	62	75	66	57	63	559	81	239			
11	29.519	29.629	29.448	71	63	81	67	63	56	469	63	269			
12	29.854	29.893	29.778	66	56	74	58	55	54	321	52	141			
13	29.918	29.995	29.808	65	56	74	57	55	56	344	59	157			
14	29.767	29.752	29.694	68	64	74	67	66	61	536	76	168			
15	29.625	29.665	29.566	75	69	88	74	66	66	640	69	197			
16	29.341	29.382	29.372	75	71	85	74	67	69	711	82	213			
17	29.276	29.273	29.322	76	68	85	71	68	67	567	65	119			
18	29.359	29.611	29.390	76	69	85	71	67	68	623	69	233			
19	29.741	29.801	29.691	71	62	79	65	64	61	433	57	193			
20	29.626	29.686	29.580	77	68	84	73	64	62	576	64	121			
21	29.586	29.596	29.578	76	68	84	74	63	62	602	68	143			
22	29.526	29.531	29.473	79	74	90	82	66	67	806	81	139			
23	29.506	29.521	29.499	86	72	95	78	73	73	762	68	143			
24	29.512	29.562	29.469	81	75	90	80	72	71	801	74	119			
25	29.496	29.511	29.481	81	71	90	73	72	69	616	68	221			
26	29.521	29.550	29.489	79	69	83	70	89	68	623	71	247			
27	29.778	29.834	29.678	76	62	78	63	66	63	407	52	247			
28	29.826	29.843	29.791	59	54	73	67	52	52	376	94	288			
29	29.824	29.851	29.770	62	59	66	62	51	51	467	83	143			
30	29.607	29.773	29.555	71	64	78	67	57	60	522	69	309			
Mean	29.663	29.725	29.640	71	63	76	67	62	60	501	66	5,763	14.55	1.38	

* Readings at 7 A. M., 2 and 9 P. M. Fall of rain for the month, 1.38 inches.

DAY.	BAROMETER.			THERMOMETERS.				HYGROMETER.		WIND.	RAIN AND SNOW.		
	REDUCED TO FREEZING.			MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		VELOCITY IN MILES.	Duration.	Water.	Snow.
	Mean.	Maximum	Minimum	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.				
1	29.394	29.742	28.880	64	59	72	60	69	58	73	241		
2	29.975	29.910	29.816	67	64	73	63	55	55	63	119		
3	29.929	29.945	29.910	71	64	80	67	59	59	67	117		
4	29.883	29.921	29.865	72	64	80	69	61	61	70	189		
5	29.664	29.697	29.636	74	72	85	74	65	70	82	193		
6	29.685	29.738	29.606	77	64	84	66	68	61	456	55	2	9
7	29.631	29.656	29.620	80	72	90	74	70	65	537	52	289	
8	29.720	29.720	29.720	75	69	82	65	65	61	405	47	181	
9	29.688	29.700	29.657	66	63	78	63	64	63	542	84	120	
10	29.646	29.658	29.636	71	66	77	68	62	63	562	74	96	
11	29.491	29.609	29.329	76	68	85	72	65	63	599	70	310	
12	29.363	29.368	29.363	69	60	80	60	61	59	388	57	408	
13	29.346	29.641	29.425	65	58	73	61	55	53	384	60	240	
14	29.754	29.787	29.754	71	62	81	65	64	58	448	59	117	
15	29.829	29.839	29.818	72	63	80	65	64	62	492	64	118	
16	29.853	29.912	29.867	67	62	79	66	63	58	481	70	141	
17	30.001	30.020	29.973	67	61	74	63	61	60	463	70	165	
18	29.619	29.367	29.910	68	61	74	62	60	60	450	66	147	
19	29.859	29.867	29.821	69	68	75	71	64	64	469	93	141	
20	29.810	29.843	29.775	72	69	79	71	66	67	617	72	139	
21	29.874	29.877	29.867	71	61	79	68	64	64	596	80	147	
22	29.754	29.805	29.766	73	69	76	71	66	66	652	80	117	
23	29.708	29.706	29.702	80	71	88	72	68	70	637	64	251	
24	29.677	29.731	29.581	81	69	88	71	69	65	555	54	143	
25	29.812	29.834	29.792	73	62	84	64	65	61	312	52	119	
26	29.776	29.805	29.717	77	67	86	68	65	64	420	58	119	
27	29.769	29.787	29.745	71	67	78	69	66	65	612	81	144	
28	29.891	29.895	29.840	69	61	79	67	61	61	527	74	133	
29	29.964	30.069	29.915	67	61	73	62	60	60	457	72	121	
30	29.820	29.858	29.773	71	67	79	70	63	63	615	83	166	
31	29.709	29.718	29.631	83	72	84	75	66	67	737	81	226	
Mean.	29.754	29.798	29.688	74	67	83	69	66	64	508	71	5446	
													H. M.
													INCHES.
													.94
													35.55

DAY.	BAROMETER.			THERMOMETERS.						HYGROMETER.		WIND.	RAIN AND SNOW			
	REDUCED TO FREEZING.			MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.		VELOCITY IN MILES.	Duration.	Water.	Snow.
	Mean.	Maximum	Minimum	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.							
1	29.608	29.656	29.533	74	69	79	69	68	68	*	633	77	168			
2	29.857	29.917	29.758	69	62	76	64	65	61	61	587	63	143			
3	29.944	30.002	29.911	67	62	75	64	61	57	61	489	76	123			
4	29.876	29.986	29.808	67	61	74	64	61	57	549	73	137				
5	29.882	29.978	29.783	68	64	76	65	62	62	512	62	78	243			
6	30.217	30.256	30.154	56	50	64	51	51	50	321	67	133				
7	30.242	30.300	30.191	55	52	60	57	49	49	321	89	193				
8	29.901	30.025	29.841	66	66	75	70	54	61	662	98	115				
9	29.751	29.811	29.660	69	67	73	68	66	66	685	93	150				
10	29.738	29.786	29.692	69	62	75	65	65	61	443	67	171				
11	29.779	29.849	29.675	62	57	70	62	60	59	537	92	216				
12	29.660	29.702	29.600	70	65	78	69	58	60	595	80	229				
13	29.728	29.739	29.652	64	57	74	63	53	53	387	65	222				
14	29.937	29.959	29.902	59	52	68	56	49	44	289	56	123				
15	30.001	30.038	29.971	64	56	68	58	56	55	358	62	268				
16	29.770	29.873	29.666	67	66	71	68	58	61	613	91	168				
17	29.799	29.879	29.779	69	68	72	71	67	64	712	96	136				
18	29.794	29.811	29.776	71	70	79	75	65	65	713	95	89				
19	29.871	29.903	29.841	64	63	73	64	62	62	522	94	105				
20	29.838	29.881	29.789	65	63	75	65	63	63	556	89	144				
21	29.742	29.759	29.725	65	61	76	63	63	59	409	79	235				
22	29.820	29.843	29.744	62	56	77	58	57	54	401	69	144				
23	29.903	29.939	29.872	60	56	67	59	54	55	411	81	179				
24	29.929	29.949	29.912	58	54	64	56	54	52	356	75	130				
25	29.701	29.810	29.561	55	53	65	55	51	51	406	88	210				
26	29.356	29.424	29.295	61	51	67	60	54	52	401	74	133				
27	29.550	29.591	29.519	67	58	70	62	55	53	415	71	216				
28	29.726	29.788	29.654	56	49	60	50	53	47	290	59	182				
29	29.738	29.808	29.786	53	45	55	47	47	44	234	67	218				
30	29.730	29.775	29.705	48	34	55	48	43	41	231	71	101				
Mean.	29.812	29.865	29.759	63	53	71	61	58	56	461	77	5,057	H. M.	127.25	6.27	INCHES.

* Readings at 7 A. M., 2 and 9 P. M. Fall of rain for the month, 6.27 inches.

OCTOBER, 1888.

DAY.	BAROMETER.		THERMOMETERS.						HYGROMETER.			WIND.	RAIN AND SNOW.		
	REDUCED TO FREEZING.		MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	VELOCITY IN MILES.	Total.	Duration.	Water.	Snow.
	Mean.	Maximum	Minimum	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Mean.	Mean.				
1	29.402	29.590	29.212	54	50	60	54	46	45	320	76	117			
2	29.317	29.422	29.232	56	52	65	51	49	47	324	73	201			
3	29.631	29.784	29.433	44	42	51	46	37	39	242	83	209			
4	29.872	29.851	28.852	50	37	66	49	41	43	305	80	189			
5	29.788	29.812	29.776	58	53	67	57	61	48	305	72	111			
6	29.599	29.622	29.325	53	49	61	60	55	51	479	100	215			
7	29.359	29.380	29.325	53	49	61	60	50	48	257	73	241			
8	29.273	29.310	29.231	49	44	60	47	40	40	291	66	381			
9	29.506	29.616	29.383	42	39	47	41	34	37	304	78	361			
10	29.677	29.741	29.586	46	42	54	47	38	36	222	71	251			
11	29.621	29.705	29.546	46	41	49	43	39	40	200	65	288			
12	29.486	29.501	29.476	50	48	55	51	47	46	318	88	130			
13	29.467	29.490	29.437	48	46	51	47	48	46	305	77	126			
14	29.614	29.685	29.511	47	45	52	46	46	45	289	90	195			
15	29.775	29.782	29.763	48	43	55	46	42	39	223	70	146			
16	29.760	29.771	29.735	53	51	59	53	47	49	335	83	142			
17	29.727	29.771	29.701	51	48	60	50	49	46	300	80	336			
18	29.723	29.949	29.882	49	44	55	48	32	41	212	59	312			
19	29.716	29.900	29.523	49	47	55	54	39	37	285	77	218			
20	29.572	29.633	29.513	51	45	57	48	47	43	331	64	384			
21	29.900	30.015	29.782	40	36	43	37	35	37	169	65	319			
22	30.000	30.029	29.972	44	39	50	42	36	35	278	61	131			
23	29.767	29.872	29.661	50	47	62	51	45	39	294	80	125			
24	29.644	29.795	29.561	52	47	57	50	45	45	263	68	483			
25	29.019	30.057	29.979	52	46	60	51	44	40	245	60	165			
26	30.140	30.185	30.107	49	47	56	50	46	45	287	81	215			
27	29.904	30.020	29.766	52	52	57	55	47	47	354	98	193			
28	29.627	29.677	29.580	52	52	69	58	44	44	392	97	367			
29	29.665	29.693	29.637	48	42	53	44	40	40	197	60	336			
30	29.590	30.082	29.822	44	37	47	39	42	36	168	48	161			
31	30.077	30.112	30.049	50	45	60	51	39	37	253	70	241			
Mean	27.703	30.095	29.497	50	46	56	49	43	42	272	74	7,404	H. M.	81.30	3.25

*Readings at 7 A. M., 2 and 9 P. M. Fall of rain for the month 3.25 inches.

DAY.	BAROMETER.				THERMOMETERS.						HYGROMETER.		WIND.	RAIN AND SNOW.	
	REDUCED TO FREEZING.				MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.	FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	VELOCITY IN MILES.	Duration.	Water.	Snow.
	Mean.	Maximum	Minimum	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.						
1	30.037	30.037	30.015	57	53	66	59	47	47	.377	74	155	.....	.....	.....
2	29.863	29.974	29.777	60	55	72	61	52	50	.343	73	265	.....	.....	.....
3	29.638	29.774	29.349	55	53	66	60	48	42	.385	86	245	.....	.....	.....
4	30.002	30.043	29.319	51	49	58	47	44	42	.280	63	171	.....	.....	.....
5	29.902	30.036	29.318	53	50	59	55	47	44	.335	80	159	.....	.....	.....
6	29.771	29.838	29.654	59	58	65	62	53	57	.481	96	261	.....	.....	.....
7	29.908	30.021	29.775	51	48	61	52	48	42	.264	63	203	.....	.....	.....
8	30.061	30.129	29.379	48	45	49	48	45	40	.258	77	259	.....	.....	.....
9	29.692	29.746	29.647	60	59	67	63	49	55	.496	95	195	.....	.....	.....
10	29.418	29.573	29.354	60	57	64	61	59	52	.444	86	432	.....	.....	.....
11	29.618	29.787	29.460	48	41	51	52	44	40	.179	51	401	.....	.....	.....
12	29.960	30.097	29.885	46	41	51	44	39	36	.180	61	120	.....	.....	.....
13	30.260	30.287	30.244	45	40	54	45	39	35	.209	71	192	.....	.....	.....
14	30.153	30.231	30.050	51	48	59	52	45	42	.295	79	218	.....	.....	.....
15	29.556	29.869	29.387	52	52	57	55	49	50	.376	95	221	.....	.....	.....
16	29.649	29.737	29.601	49	46	60	54	43	39	.287	79	285	.....	.....	.....
17	30.113	30.297	29.965	40	36	47	39	35	30	.169	68	283	.....	.....	.....
18	30.424	30.466	30.329	36	33	40	35	30	30	.155	75	216	.....	.....	.....
19	29.971	30.148	29.812	49	48	53	53	38	45	.333	95	193	.....	.....	.....
20	30.146	30.213	30.063	37	33	42	35	33	29	.132	61	195	.....	.....	.....
21	30.269	30.296	30.208	28	24	33	28	22	21	.086	57	287	.....	.....	.....
22	30.201	30.354	30.136	30	29	35	33	25	25	.138	82	243	.....	.....	.....
23	30.379	30.413	30.354	25	23	30	27	16	17	.06	87	243	.....	.....	.....
24	28.844	30.176	29.270	34	26	37	36	27	13	.155	96	576	.....	.....	.....
25	29.722	29.912	29.480	30	30	35	31	29	29	.169	96	576	.....	.....	.....
26	29.052	29.110	29.017	37	37	41	41	29	32	.215	97	487	.....	.....	.....
27	29.286	29.402	29.147	42	40	45	43	40	38	.226	83	263	.....	.....	.....
28	29.539	29.561	29.517	41	40	45	44	37	38	.224	85	178	.....	.....	.....
29	29.480	29.499	29.466	40	39	40	37	36	36	.230	94	219	.....	.....	.....
30	29.563	29.574	29.459	43	40	45	41	37	38	.209	75	339	.....	.....	.....
Mean	29.863	29.952	29.749	45	42	51	46	40	38	.256	80	8,125	H. M. 80.30	INCHES. 3.38	.....

* Readings at 7 A. M., 2 and 9 P. M. Fall of rain for the month, 3.38 inches.

DECEMBER, 1888.

DAY.	BAROMETER.			THERMOMETERS.						HYGROMETER.		WIND.	RAIN AND SNOW.			
	REDUCED TO FREEZING.			MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.	VELOCITY IN MILES.	Duration.	Water.	Snow.	
	Mean.	Maximum	Minimum	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.							
1	29.630	29.709	29.559	*	38	35	48	37	35	34	*	73	387			
2	29.999	29.808	29.794	38	35	45	40	32	30	30	105	68	239			
3	29.742	29.761	29.722	34	33	39	37	34	34	31	173	77	267			
4	29.571	29.607	29.539	37	33	41	36	30	31	31	146	69	359			
5	29.419	29.467	29.346	41	38	46	40	35	35	33	180	69	257			
6	29.640	29.812	29.429	33	30	34	36	29	26	26	137	68	491			
7	29.811	29.848	29.769	37	33	42	36	28	28	28	137	64	205			
8	29.815	29.816	29.816	43	39	49	44	39	35	35	214	71	197			
9	29.701	29.746	29.639	40	39	43	42	37	36	36	224	91	219			
10	29.767	29.808	29.699	37	35	44	36	33	33	33	189	82	212			
11	29.303	29.439	29.229	39	37	41	38	35	35	34	210	86	598			
12	29.553	29.632	29.432	33	29	35	31	27	27	27	124	67	360			
13	29.647	29.644	29.635	26	22	31	27	29	27	27	666	42	605			
14	29.825	29.939	29.736	20	13	33	18	15	15	15	659	56	539			
15	30.174	30.217	30.149	28	21	45	28	20	20	15	673	46	211			
16	29.919	30.075	29.766	41	37	45	42	29	28	28	187	72	196			
17	29.154	29.540	29.275	49	49	50	50	44	44	44	341	100	243			
18	29.147	29.420	29.788	36	32	43	35	32	30	30	137	65	911			
19	29.675	29.870	29.515	26	22	35	25	19	17	17	676	52	483			
20	29.969	30.030	29.922	23	19	26	20	16	15	15	649	39	213			
21	29.652	29.740	29.562	27	24	34	30	22	20	20	102	70	483			
22	30.188	30.280	30.039	16	13	20	16	8	8	8	645	50	199			
23	30.217	30.276	30.165	29	25	34	28	16	20	20	687	45	264			
24	30.061	30.088	30.042	38	37	45	40	27	27	27	141	62	249			
25	29.973	29.980	29.946	44	36	54	45	35	33	33	180	60	288			
26	29.928	29.962	29.873	44	39	55	41	39	36	36	178	62	171			
27	29.461	29.531	29.316	45	44	51	49	36	35	35	270	85	215			
28	29.824	29.961	29.637	37	32	39	33	33	33	33	116	54	287			
29	30.180	30.260	30.069	36	31	41	35	31	28	28	115	54	149			
30	29.259	30.316	30.186	39	34	44	39	32	29	29	144	61	251			
31	29.845	29.958	29.754	41	39	42	40	36	36	36	205	80	287			
Mean	29.770	29.858	29.689	35	33	41	35	31	29	29	149	66	10,025	60.30	3.88	

*Readings at 7 A. M., 2 and 9 P. M. Fall of rain for the month, 3.86 inches.

RECAPITULATION FOR 1888.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS.

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1888.	BAROMETER.			THERMOMETERS.								HYGROMETER.		WIND.
	REDUCED TO FREEZING.			MEAN.		MAXIMUM.		MINIMUM.		FORCE OF VAPOR.	RELATIVE HUMIDITY.			
	Mean.	Maximum.	Minimum.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Dry.	Wet.					
January	29.922	30.044	29.809	25	23	34	27	19	19	.110	71	10.286		
February	29.809	29.919	29.736	31	28	39	32	23	22	.136	74	7.312		
March	29.796	29.866	29.735	31	28	49	32	23	22	.139	71	10.234		
April	29.775	29.904	29.783	47	41	55	45	39	37	.196	59	8.734		
May	29.768	29.822	29.711	57	53	64	56	51	50	.337	74	6.338		
June	29.663	29.725	29.640	71	63	76	67	62	60	.501	66	5.763		
July	29.754	29.798	29.688	74	67	83	69	66	64	.508	71	5.446		
August	29.732	29.780	29.694	72	68	81	72	66	65	.643	77	5.736		
September	29.812	29.865	29.759	63	58	71	61	58	56	.461	77	5.057		
October	29.703	30.095	29.497	50	46	56	49	43	42	.272	74	7.404		
November	29.853	29.952	29.749	45	42	51	46	40	38	.256	80	8.125		
December	29.770	29.858	29.689	35	33	41	35	31	29	.149	66	10.025		
Mean	29.779	29.885	29.707	50	46	58	49	44	42	.311	72	90.490		

Fall of rain for the year, 3 feet 7.46 inches. Fall of snow for the year, 3 feet 2.50 inches.

OSCAR C. WILKINSON.

Meteorologist.

REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON THE EAST SIDE LANDS.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners held December 18, 1888, it was voted "that a committee of three, consisting of Commissioners Storrs, Woodward and Somers, be appointed to consider the question what is best to be done with the East Side Lands now owned by the city, and to report to the full Board."

In fulfillment of the duty thus assigned to them, the undersigned have given careful and patient attention to the important matter placed in their hands, have personally examined the lands referred to, and beg leave now respectfully to submit the following Report :

It will not be questioned by any one who has watched the recent courses of public thought in Brooklyn that a strong, just, and growing desire exists here for as great an enlargement as can be secured, through any reasonable expenditure, of our present extremely limited Park-area. This is perfectly natural, indeed is inevitable, in connection with the expansion of the city, the rapid and vast increase of its population, and the remarkable prosperity, public and private, which of late years it has enjoyed. A population rapidly approaching a million in number, and destined apparently to multiply yet more rapidly hereafter—a population including, also, an unusual proportion of intelligent, prosperous, and home-loving households—can not, in the nature of things, be content with the public pleasure-grounds which were felt to be hardly ade-

quate to its need when its population numbered less than three hundred thousand, as when Prospect Park was originally established, almost thirty years ago. It would be nearly as reasonable to expect the vast multitudes now yearly crossing the ocean to be content with the few and small steamships of the last generation, or the great business houses which have sprung into existence in our day and our city to be satisfied to go back to one floor and a basement for carrying on their enlarged trade.

It is of course well known that in this very important department of the modern city-equipment we are far behind either of several prominent cities in the country having no greater natural advantages than we have, of which only two surpass ours in the number, and none in the character, of the resident population. Laying out of sight the Parade Ground, which is not available for the general popular use, and the distant Coney Island Concourse, we have in all our Parks five hundred and sixty acres, as against more than five thousand in New York, three thousand in Philadelphia, three thousand in Chicago, twenty-three hundred in Boston, twenty-two hundred in St. Louis. In other words, our available Park-area, as measured against the average of that of these contemporaneous and not remote cities, is less than one-fifth; while as compared with that of principal European capitals it is reckoned as being not more than one-ninth. Such an extravagant disparity in what we have to offer for public enjoyment cannot but stir a sharp sense of mortification in those who are most attached to Brooklyn, while it constantly diminishes the attractiveness of the city, and discredits its reputation for intelligent and liberal public spirit.

It is not in the least surprising, therefore, that an earnest desire becomes constantly more evident—which is surely destined ere long to become a governing desire, and to harden into determined practical purposes—to have more ground within the city, and very much more, devoted to the uses of personal and popular recreation and of family enjoyment. It is a desire which will compel recognition, and

control public action, however here and there may be found those who fail to agree with it; and by those who have any opportunity to serve it, it ought, as it seems to your Committee, to be at once and gladly obeyed.

Yet, of course, it is already difficult and expensive, and with the rapid sweep of population over districts hitherto unoccupied it every day becomes more so, to secure within the city limits any important addition to the number of our Parks, or any considerable enlargement of their present territorial extent. The sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) has been put into the hands of the Park Commission the present year for this special purpose; but, after the most careful consideration by them of the most effective and economical use to be made of the money, it has become quite certain that only two, or at most three, small patches, rather than Parks, can be added by means of it to the public pleasure-grounds; and that these must be located, each of them, at comparatively a long distance from the principal centres of population. These small open squares are extremely important for the families living near them; and we ought to be grateful, as we are, for the opportunity and the means of securing them for such pleasant neighborhood-use. But of course they do not even help to meet the more general need; and if any way can be found of doing this, even to what must be for the present a limited extent, especially if it be a way to make more ample the one central and delightful Park in which the whole city has a pride, it ought, in the judgment of your Committee, to be at once most gladly embraced.

It seems to us, therefore, an occasion for general and hearty congratulation that such an opportunity does present itself, in lands rising to the crest of the city, in immediate vicinity to Prospect Park; in other words, in what are known as the "East Side lands" still remaining unsold, and situated between the Eastern Parkway and the line which divides the city from Flatbush. These lands cover an area of nearly or quite seventy acres in extent, which is wholly unoccupied

except by the small distributing Reservoir, whose grounds may be properly treated as a part of it. It is two and a third times as large as the present Washington (or Fort Greene) Park; half as large again as the Boston Common, which till recent years was so famous in the country for size and beauty—almost as large as that Common with the annex of the superb Public Garden. It is so compact in form, and at the same time so undulating in its distributed surface, as to be perfectly adapted to the purposes of a pleasure-ground of independent and various attractiveness. No one can look at it, even in its present desolate condition, without seeing that it is as fit by nature to be fashioned by art into a choice and charming Park as is the uncut stone of price on the table of the lapidary to be shaped and polished into a gem. Yet it is also so directly adjacent to Prospect Park as to be easily and intimately associated with that, adding largely to its capacity.

The city already owns this tract, having long ago bought it and paid for it, intending at the time to use it ultimately for Park-purposes; and no debt will require to be incurred, no bonds to be issued, no interest to be paid, in order to maintain possession of it. Only a small additional strip, of not more than four or five acres, lying within the present limits of Flatbush, will need to be annexed to it, to make it *complete* for the uses proposed. The cost of that, with the comparatively small cost of so moulding and harmonizing the natural features of the land which we have as to develop the beauty latent in them, and to bring them into happy accord with the lovely and noble pleasure-ground near them—these will be the only items of expense in connection with the transformation of the present waste into a place of attraction and refreshment for all the people; and in comparison with the benefits thus to be secured expenditures like these become insignificant.

As we have said, this most desirable tract of land, owned by the city, and available at once for the uses suggested, is situated on one of the highest points, if not the very highest, within the city limits. By a simply just and natural arrange-

ment of its walks and drives it will come to share at once, more fully than can any part of Prospect Park, in that magnificent view from the Reservoir-hill, eastward, northward, westward, as well as toward the south, including our own city, the City of New York, with glimpses of the shining waters that form a national highway of commerce from the upper part of the East River onward toward the Bay and the Narrows; and extending in the other direction to Coney Island and the Ocean. If the land is retained, and the ample roadways for which it waits are opened through it, an immediate and vast benefit will be conferred on all those approaching Prospect Park by way of Washington avenue, of Classon avenue, or of the Eastern Park-way, since they will reach Park-surfaces at a nearer point, and will come to the main Park through shaded drives and lawn-expanses rapidly becoming not inferior to its own; while those leaving it, in the direction of either of these avenues, will have equally improved facilities of exit. Indeed, those approaching or leaving Prospect Park by the present Plaza, will be almost certain to turn, either in going or returning, into this auxiliary Park, extending their drive-way, and giving them views out to the horizon not offered elsewhere; and if a terrace should be arranged fronting the Plaza, as is perfectly practicable, and the slope behind it should be masked and piled with rich shrubbery, even the unsightly Reservoir-hill, which has been hitherto almost as ugly as the Plaza itself, would be transformed into a thing of positive and permanent beauty.

The improvement of a tract of land so large as this, and also so prominent, with the perpetual dedication of it to the enjoyment of the public, would be a matter of grave interest and importance wherever in the city such land might chance to be situated; but the value of *this* tract, as offering an additional pleasure-ground to the city, is plainly and vastly increased by its immediate proximity to Prospect Park, and by the easy inter-connection of its walks and drives with those opened, or readily to be opened, in the larger spaces of the latter. The new tract will afford ample opportunity within itself for con-

siderably more than a mile of drive-way, connecting almost directly with the nearly six miles of carriage-road in Prospect Park, with its three miles of bridle-path, and afterward with the five and a half miles of the Ocean Parkway; while between two and three miles of footpath are also possible in the space now in question, connecting as directly with the twelve miles of footpath already established in the larger Park. In other words, if the plan we propose shall be carried out, Prospect Park, as it exists, will be practically expanded by the addition of nearly one-fifth, not to its acreage, but to its roadway, foot-way and bridle-path facilities, and to its charming lawn expanses; and all this without requiring any expenditure except for the small piece of land outside the city limits—which is not perhaps indispensable but is very desirable, as furnishing the best communication with the Willink entrance—and for the shaping of the tract to its delightful popular uses. If the land were not now in possession of the city, it certainly could not be purchased for less than a million and a half of dollars. If it had come to be occupied by houses, even to some partial extent, it would be at this time wholly beyond the reach of our treasury. As it is, the city has only to keep it, and improve it, to make the most important and rewarding addition to our Park area which has ever been suggested in twenty-five years.

It appears also to your Committee to be a matter of no inconsiderable public interest that by retaining this tract of land, and improving it as a public pleasure-ground, the city will be able, if it shall hereafter decide to do so, to furnish really superb sites for at least two or three public institutions which it greatly needs, and by the establishment of which its people will be instructed and gratified, and its good reputation in the country be advanced. Undoubtedly, very careful discrimination will need here to be exercised, since no institutions of a private character ought, in the judgment of your Committee, to be admitted into grounds owned and used by the city at large. But when a large Public Library is established, free to all comers, which is certain, we think, to

be accomplished before many years, no place could be more fitting for it than on the large triangle facing the Plaza, and in front of the Reservoir grounds, accessible from different quarters, and passed already by thousands of people every day. More directly within the proposed Park territory, too, at least two, possibly three, other institutions of a public nature might find ample and admirable sites, without interfering in the least with the general Park arrangement, only adding indeed to its dignity and beauty. One of these is a Botanical Garden, with the attached green-houses and hot-houses, the whole being most appropriate to the place, and most charming in itself, while ministering directly, in a large way, to the general popular culture and pleasure. Another is a Museum of art, archæology, scientific collections, in which paintings, marbles, historical and ethnographic collections may be gathered and housed, and which, if established, will be sure to become a constantly richer centre in the city of instruction and enjoyment. Nor does it seem to us impossible that men may be found, hereafter if not now, of large means and of scientific tastes, willing to erect a stately and sufficient observatory tower, on what would be as eligible a site for it as can be found upon the entire Atlantic slope, and to furnish it with instruments, its guardianship and maintenance being left to the city. There will be sometime in Brooklyn, and we trust at no distant day, an enthusiasm for good and large works of the nature which we have indicated; and such places for them as are offered in this neglected but conspicuous tract of land cannot, we are sure, be duplicated elsewhere.

Other equally desirable sites, too, will afterward remain, even a considerable number of them, to be utilized for generally similar purposes, if the controlling judgment of the city should hereafter approve it; and we know of no reason why one or more buildings should not ultimately be placed there for the higher class of free lectures on the different branches of knowledge and study pursued in the city. But this is a thing for the future to decide. That which distinctly impresses your Committee is the fact that here and now is presented a

unique opportunity for securing what will always afford room for noble and fruitful public institutes, such as other cities have, such as this will be sure more and more to crave. It is an opportunity which cannot be regained if now it be sacrificed, and which cannot be paralleled on any other land which the city possesses or may acquire. The peculiar elevation of this land, its separateness from the larger Park with which as an auxiliary pleasure-ground it will still be associated, the breadth of outlook commanded by it, and the healthfulness which must belong to it, cannot be repeated in their remarkable combination, while they are all ours to-day if we see fit to avail ourselves of them.

Available sites can be furnished, too, in the same grounds for such memorial statues as it may hereafter seem desirable to raise, for which it is already becoming difficult to find places of satisfactory distinction and dignity in Prospect Park, but for which the very conformation of the ground in the East Side Lands offers special advantages; while every suitable statue placed there will add its independent attraction to the manifold others belonging to the grounds. Additional room for lawn tennis and croquet can also be afforded, to an important extent, in a new and large *campus*: and any one disregarding this consideration will be very likely to find life a burden if many young people are about. Certainly no statue will be erected to him!

Such are some of the reasons, rapidly suggested, which lead your Committee to the strong conviction, which all its members equally share, that this important piece of now vacant land should be retained by the city, and be properly improved as one of its free public pleasure grounds. The only argument against this proposal of which we have knowledge, is founded upon the fact, which no one will dispute, that the sale of these lands, supposing the city to have power to sell them for private use, and supposing no equitable rebate to be due to those who years ago purchased the lots on Washington avenue with the assurance of a frontage on the Park—the sale of the lands, if not thus em-

barrassed, would put a considerable sum of money into the city treasury. So would the sale of Washington Park have done, if that had been carried out when it was proposed and strenuously urged, more than twenty years ago, when the city was far poorer than now ; but probably everybody is glad that that penurious local scheme failed of success. There are at this day, no doubt, corners and slices of Prospect Park on which little money has been expended, and which are visited at present by comparatively few persons, which might be sold for high prices if legal difficulties were out of the way ; but we suspect that the temper of the city would make things extremely uncomfortable for any one who should seriously advocate a plan of that sort. And your Committee are thoroughly assured that Brooklyn is neither so poor in purse nor so mean in spirit as to be unable or unwilling to keep these lands of its own between Washington and Flatbush avenues, and by suitable improvement to make them tributary to the public enjoyment, not for the present only, but for generations to come. We are wholly confident that a popular vote on the question, taken at once or after the most patient and searching discussion, would show a majority in favor of this plan altogether too large to be safely disregarded either by ourselves or by other people. In fact we cannot repress the conviction that the sale of these lands by the city, when it has them in possession, and has the opportunity at once to add them to its scanty and scattered Park-areas, would be to Brooklyn not only a loss but a permanent and a damaging disgrace.

The Committee have only to add that the preliminary sketch-plan presented by them at this time, and for which the Commission is indebted to the public spirit and the excellent skill of Mr. J. Weidenman, an accomplished and experienced landscape-architect of this city, is only intended to show in a general primary outline what can easily be done with this attractive and commanding tract of land. If it should be decided, as we earnestly and confidently hope that it will be, to retain and improve it, more careful and detailed plans, based upon more exact topographical surveys, and assisted by con-

ference with other minds, will hereafter be presented for discussion and adoption. That which is of immediate importance is to determine to keep the lands, and suitably improve them. The details of improvement will wait to be matured and presented hereafter ; and while the name which has been attached to the sketch, "University Park," appears to the Committee not otherwise than appropriate and pleasantly significant, it will remain of course for the Commission to accept it, or to substitute for it any other which is preferred. "Reservoir Park" hardly seems sufficient. "The Far-view Park" has occurred to one or two, as associating it with while distinguishing it from the Prospect Park to which it is adjacent. But this is a matter of minor detail.

In accordance with the views thus cursorily presented, the Committee offer the following Resolutions, and urge the adoption of them by the Board :

Resolved, That, in the judgment of the Board of Park Commissioners, it is in the highest degree desirable for the city to retain that part of the East Side Lands remaining unsold, and lying between the Eastern Parkway and the city line, to acquire also, if it can be done at a reasonable price, an additional piece of adjoining land, of say four or five acres, lying beyond the city line ; and to improve the whole tract as a public park.

Resolved, further, That, in conference with the Mayor, and the Corporation Counsel, the necessary steps be immediately taken by the President and the Executive Committee of this Board to secure such local or general legislation as may be found needful for the accomplishment of this important public purpose.

Resolved, finally, That discussion of particular plans for the improvement of these lands for park purposes be postponed, till the Board shall have been authorized and empowered to enter upon them, and to treat them for the uses

generally suggested in the preceding Report, and till the amount of money allowed for beginning the necessary improvements shall have been appropriated.

All which is respectfully submitted.

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Committee.

BROOKLYN; April 2, 1889.

At a regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners, held this day, the foregoing Report and Resolutions having been presented, it was voted, unanimously, that the Report be accepted and the Resolutions adopted ; and that five hundred copies be printed for distribution.

JNO. R. HENNESSY,

Secretary, pro tem.

BROOKLYN, April 2, 1889.

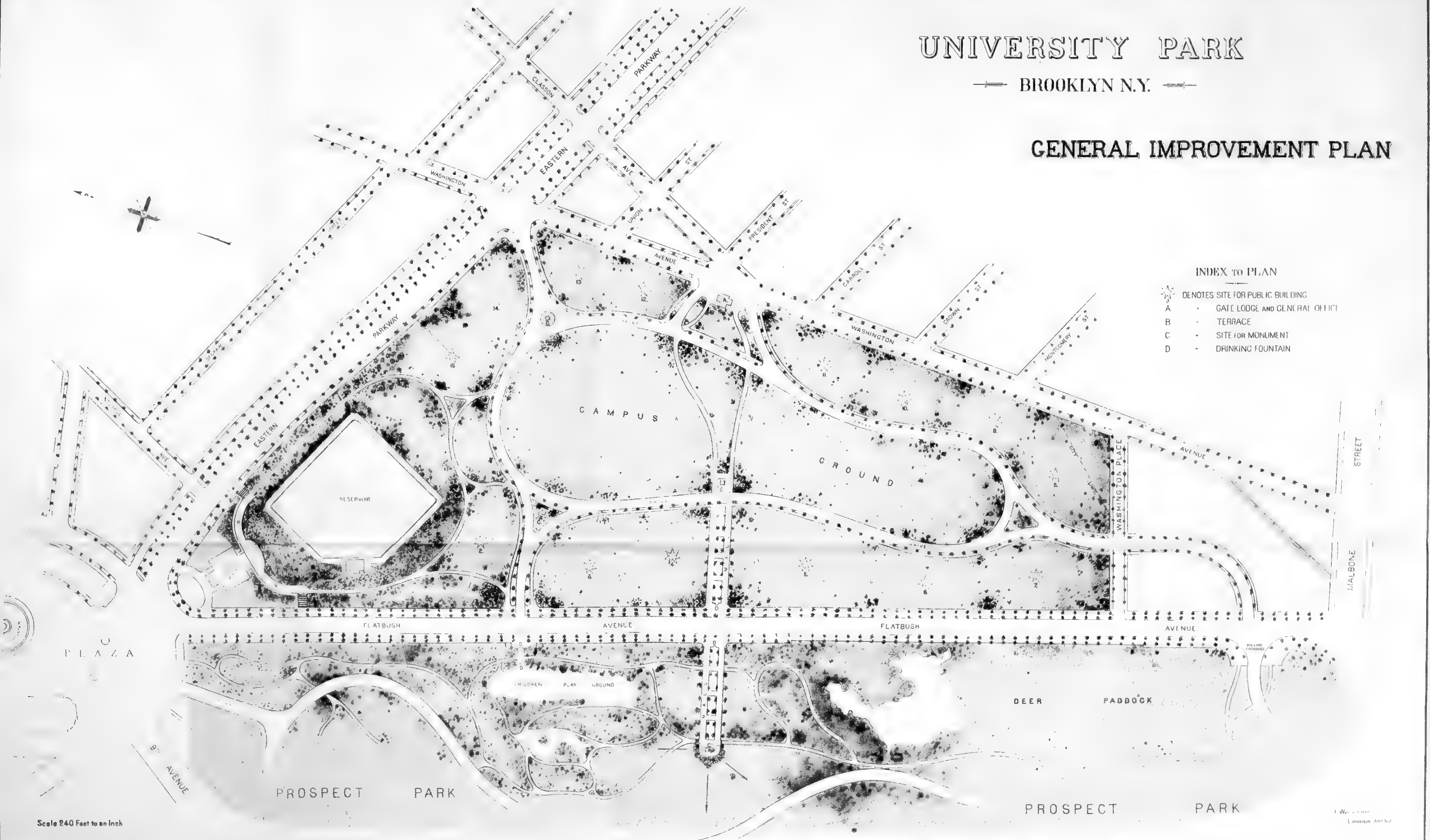
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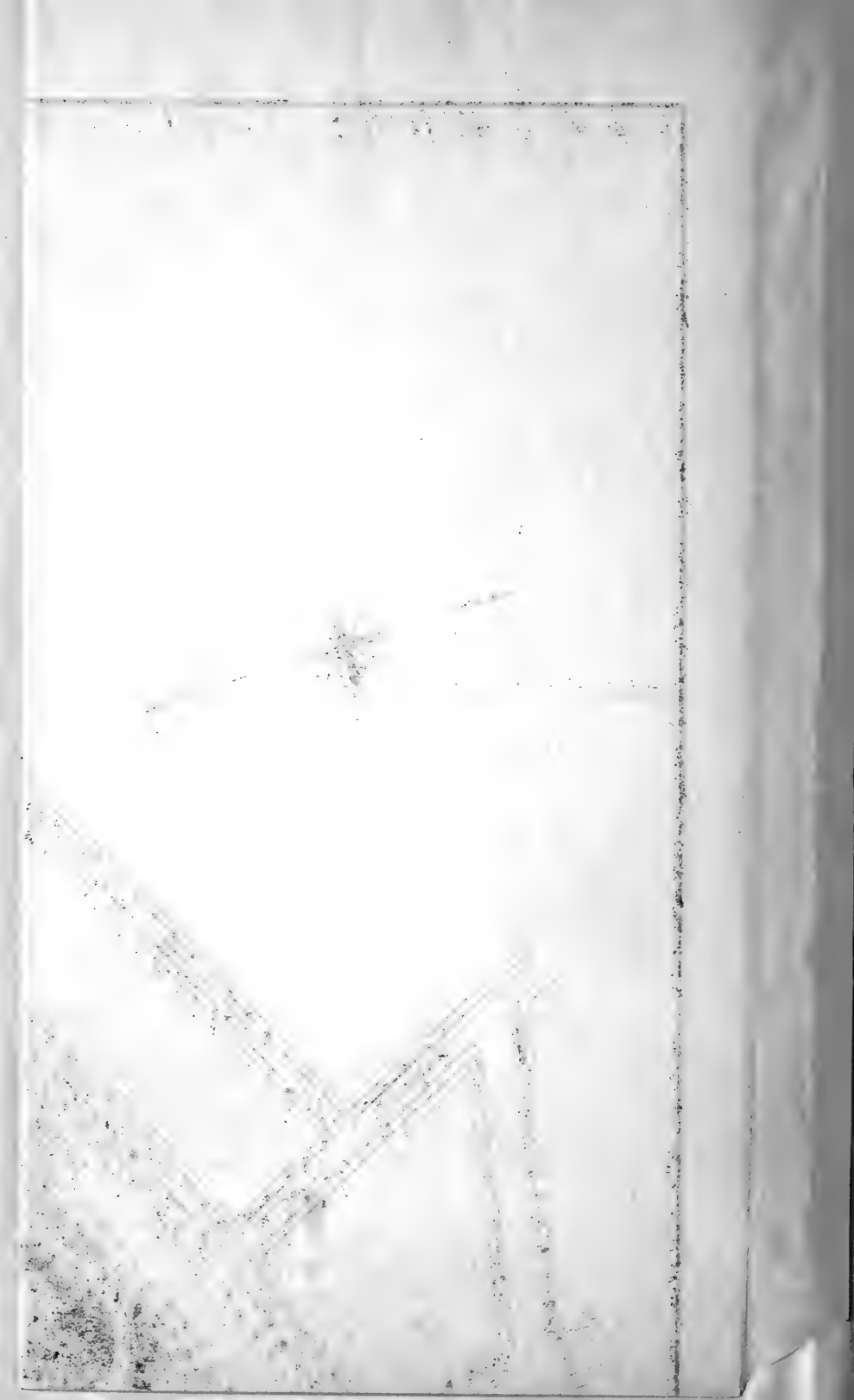
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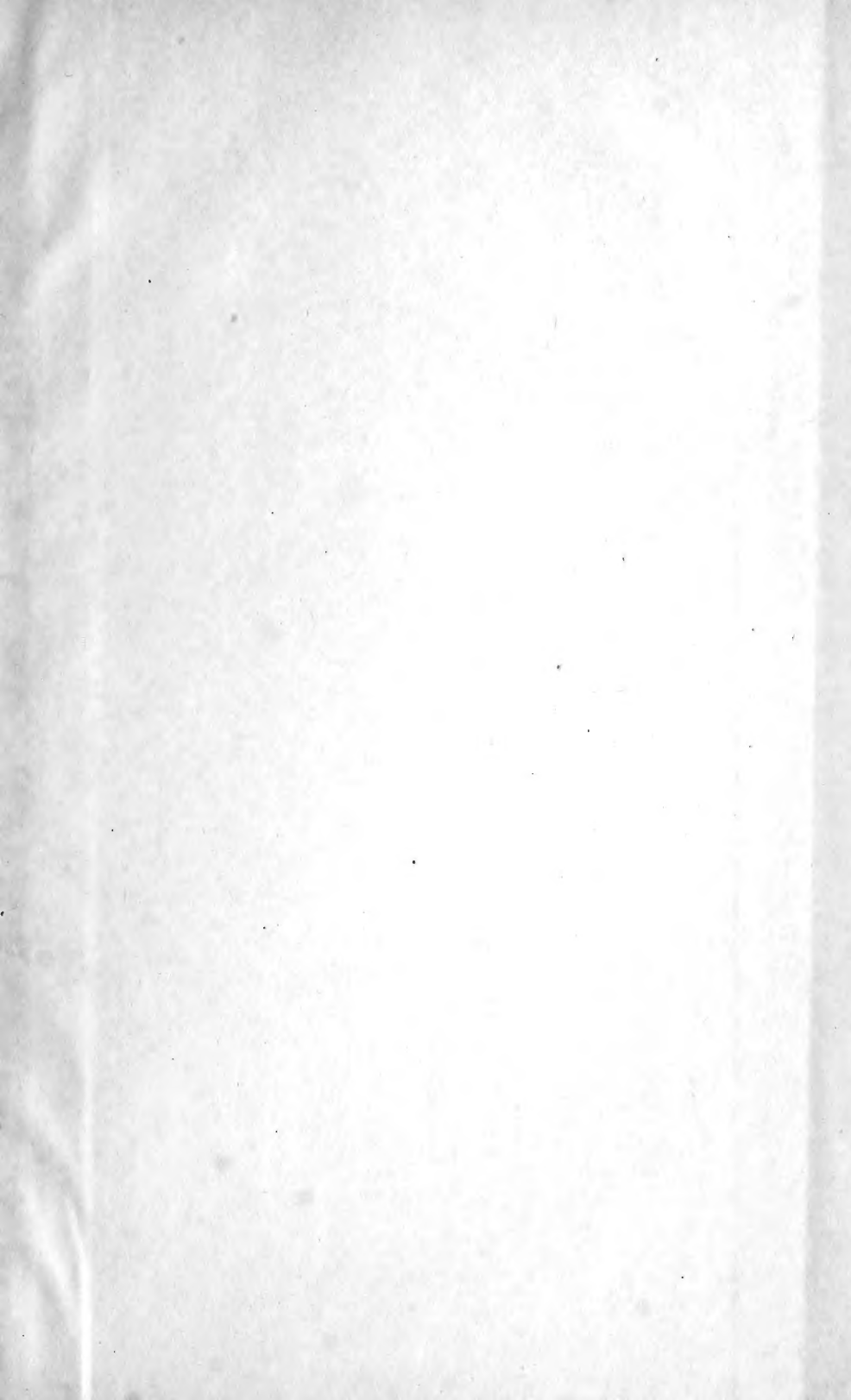
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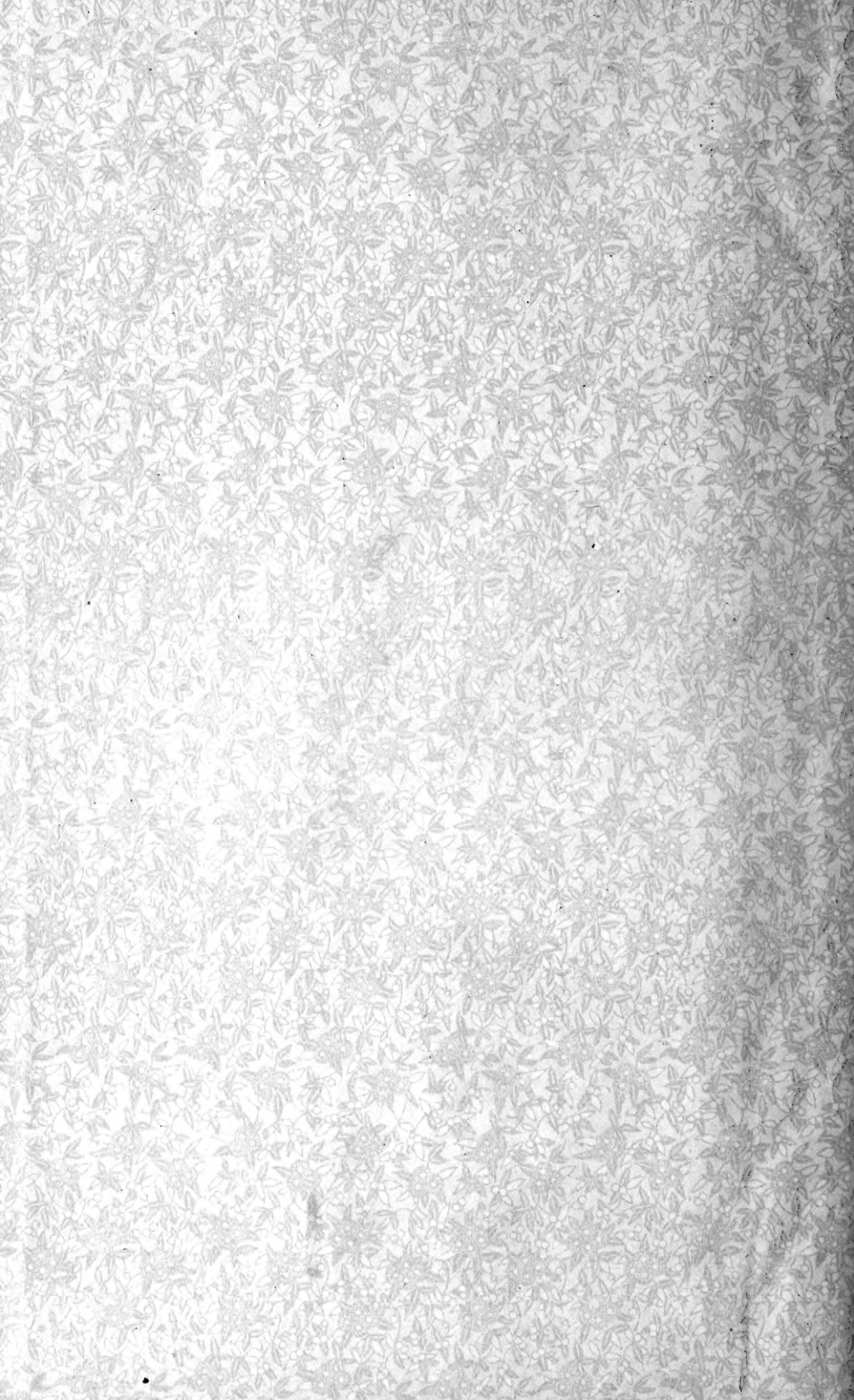


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